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The business transacted at the Quarterly General Courts of our two Schools, held on the 8th and 10th instant respectively, was not of a very eventful character. It was resolved at the Girls' School Court that the three highest unsuccessful candidates at the last October Election should be admitted into the School, three of the successful having been below the age fixed for admission; while at the Boys' School Court, a resolution was accepted to the effect that voting papers, which had already been duly signed, should remain valid for the current election, even though the voter's death should have taken place between the time of signing and the day of election, thus more nearly assimilating the law to that in force in the Girls' School. But the chief business at each Court was to settle the list of candidates, and determine the number of vacancies to be filled, and our readers will have noted with satisfaction that in April next, 24 out of 29 candidates will be elected into the Girls' School, and 25 out of 45 candidates into the Boys' School. It is clear that the sound policy which has been pursued of late years in purchasing Lyncombe House for the Girls' School, and in erecting a Preparatory Boys' School, is having its effect, and that since the adoption of this policy, it is found possible to cope more equally with the pressure on the resources of the two Institutions. It must not be forgotten, however, that this improvement has been obtained only by a very heavy outlay in both cases, an outlay, indeed, from which neither School can be said to be wholly free even now. Moreover, the increased number of children now being supported and educated makes it more than ever necessary that the annual average of the donations and subscriptions should be maintained and even increased, both Schools having made substantial additions to their numbers since the enlargement of their premises. However, this is a point on which it will be our duty to speak when the respective School Anniversaries are in view. For the present it must content us and our readers to know that in the case of the Girls' School it will be possible to elect four-fifths, and in that of the Boys' School more than half of the approved candidates at the elections in April next.

It is satisfactory to know that the question of Masonically celebrating the QUEEN'S Jubilee has been officially considered, that a scheme has been formulated by the Executive of Grand Lodge, and accepted and approved by the GRAND MASTER; that, at the instance of his ROYAL HIGHNESS, a rider has been added to this scheme, which, if acted upon, will enable the members of the Fraternity to take part in the National, as well as in the Masonic, Celebration; and in short, that matters are already in train for suitably recognising the importance and auspicious character of the event which falls due in the month of June next ensuing. On these points we took the earliest available opportunity of descending last week, when we expressed our unhesitating approval of the proposals, on the two-fold ground that they were in all respects worthy of our Society, and that, though they exceeded, they at the same time contained, the plan which had been recommended in this journal. In what we said then, however, we were able to set forth only a general idea of what was intended. We are now anxious to consider it more in detail, so that it may be worked out thoroughly and in businesslike fashion, and above all things so as to prevent the introduction of anything that may imperil the success of a scheme, of which it may be said, in the words of our great national dramatist, "In faith, it is exceedingly well aim'd." For this very reason it is we are all anxious it should hit the mark, and that the various other suggestions which have been or are likely to be made should not conflict with it, and by conflicting, reduce in value and importance the benefit we hope will arise from its adoption. We must not lose sight of the fact that many Prov. Grand Lodges and Chapters, to say nothing of private lodges, have referred this question of commemorating the QUEEN'S Jubilee to a Special Committee. One brother—Past Master W. W. HEMSWORTH, P.M. 190—has already written to the Secretary of the Girls' School, generously offering to contribute a sum, not exceeding 100 guineas, towards commemorating the Jubilee of the Sovereign, who is the Chief Patroness of that Institution. It would undoubtedly be an appropriate mark of respect for the QUEEN if the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution were able to elect out of the unusually large number of its candidates some additional annuitants, while, if the Festival should turn out exceptionally prosperous, they might obtain the necessary powers to enable them as well to present each unsuccessful candidate with a sum of money, that would have the effect of relieving their more immediate and pressing necessities. We may assume also that both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will do their part towards promoting the general plan by voting grants of money in aid of the Institutions and towards the Imperial Institute for the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India. In short, there is in all directions a preparedness to do generously what may be considered requisite, and our desire now is that out of this multitude of schemes we may be able to educe the greatest amount of benefit with the smallest infusion of trouble.

MEANWHILE, though we have no wish to be thought egotistical, the plan as regards our Institutions which we shadowed forth some months since, besides being the only one as yet in the field, appears likewise to be both fairer and simpler than any that is likely to be devised; at any rate, it will take a good deal of beating as regards the important qualifications of fairness and simplicity even under the new conditions under which we consider it our duty to again submit it for the consideration of our readers. Thus with the funds arising out of the guinea or two guinea fees for entrance to the proposed representative meeting at the Royal Albert Hall or Olympia as a nucleus, there ought to be no difficulty in building up around it a very substantial sum to be converted into QUEEN VICTORIA Jubilee Presentations in perpetuity, and distributed equally among our four Charitable Funds, namely, the two Schools and the Male and Female Funds of the Benevolent Institution. The plan might be carried out either by lumping all the contributions and the Entrance Fee Fund together, and apportioning them in the manner proposed; or the latter might be enlarged by the contributions of London lodges and brethren, while the provinces, acting singly, in the case of the larger and more influential ones, and in groups of two or three together in the case of those less numerous, might charge themselves with the duty of raising a number of Perpetual Presentations, one for each province or each group of small provinces, the number thus obtained from all sources, that is to say, from the Provinces, the Entrance Fee Fund, and London being equally apportioned among the four Charities. In this way we should think it quite possible to create six or eight perpetual presentations to each School, and the same number of permanent annuities on each of the two Funds of the Benevolent Institution, the merit of this plan being that the virtues of our Gracious SOVEREIGN will be perpetuated through all time. As regards the further question, in whom the right of presentation shall be vested, that is a detail that might be resolved afterwards without any difficulty. Our great object now is to place before the Craft a scheme which all the lodges and brethren, working in combination, may help to promote, so that it may be said hereafter when pointing to the result—This is what the Masonic Fraternity did in celebration of QUEEN VICTORIA'S Jubilee. In this, as in all other cases, it is better there should be joint action taken by the several parts of our community than that each part should pursue its own course independently of all the other parts. There is, too, the greater likelihood of a large fund being raised when all the parts work in combination than if they work separately.

THERE is one point that must not be overlooked. Whatever is done in the direction indicated must be done irrespective of the subsidies, which must be raised for the current as for every other year in maintenance of our Institutions. There is everywhere a great desire to do something to commemorate the Jubilee, by helping both the Masonic Charities and the scheme for an Imperial Institute; but just as we have shown we are most anxious to avoid any conflict of effort to this end among the several sections of the Fraternity, so must we necessarily be still more anxious that these special efforts shall not interfere detrimentally with the ordinary work of raising the year's supplies. We have stated already how terribly pressed is the Benevolent Institution, with its 130 and odd candidates, and though the competition for election into our Schools may be less severe, they have been incurring a large amount of extra expense latterly, and having both of them an increased body of scholars to support and educate, are in need of increased annual incomes in order to maintain their standard of efficiency. Thus there is more rather than less which must be provided for the year's ordinary requirements, and when these have been satisfied, we shall then be in a position to give our attention to the Jubilee; or we may carry on the two works simultaneously on the implied understanding that the regular Festival Returns are not allowed to suffer. But in any circumstances precedence must be given to raising the year's supplies. Even the gratification we may expect from raising a large Jubilee Commemoration Fund will not justify us in neglecting a paramount duty.

It is desirable we should again offer a few words of explanation as to the purport of the circular recently issued by the PRO GRAND MASTER on the subject of a suitable commemoration by the Freemasons of England of the QUEEN'S Jubilee. In the first place, the GRAND MASTER has already sanctioned and approved of a representative meeting of Masons being held either in the Royal Albert Hall or at Olympia, as circumstances may require; the fee for admission to which will be one guinea or two guineas—as may be determined by the authorities hereafter—and the fund thus produced will be handed over to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. He has also approved of the issue of a Jubilee Medal, to be worn by all Masons who are subscribing members of lodges under the English Constitution on the 20th June, 1887, the anniversary of the QUEEN'S accession to the throne. All this part of the programme has been settled, and therefore the brethren are not invited to consider it, or any portion of it. What, however, they are requested to consider, and at as early a date as possible, is the suggestion thrown out by the PRO GRAND MASTER with the approval of the GRAND MASTER, that a subscription should be raised by lodges towards the establishment of the Imperial Institute, individual contributions, however—though they may be as low as half-a-crown per member—not under any circumstances to exceed one guinea. This, then, is what the lodges are invited to settle—at a regular meeting if possible, or at an emergent meeting, if necessary—namely, whether they approve or not of the PRO GRAND MASTER'S suggestion to assist in promoting the Imperial Institute.

## CONSECRATION OF THE SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

The ceremony of consecrating the new lodge originated by members of the Savage Club was performed on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, where a large number of brethren assembled for the purpose of taking part in it. The company was a distinguished one, embracing not only brethren of high position in the Craft, but men of note in literature, music, and the drama. Among these were the founders of the lodge—

Bros. Sir F. W. Truscott, Henry Irving, Sir J. R. Somers Vine, Thos. Catling, W. E. Chapman, Thos. Burnside, John Maclean, Bernard Tucker, and Archibald McNeill; and Bros. Lord Lonsborough, P.G.W., W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127; Wm. Clifford, 1706; G. A. Potter, P.M. 1964; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; John H. Laughlin, P.M.; J. J. Brown, C. Greenwood, 1928; J. H. Thomas, P.M. 101; James P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 1364, J.W. 2168; Henry J. Dutton, 1706; Robert De Lacy, 1706; Frederick George, 28; A. Laurence Fryer, 1624; T. W. Hanson, 2182; David Law, 394; W. Ebbetts, 14; Charles J. Phipps, 2127; Bram Stoker, 1150; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Henry Coulter, P.M. 53; W. H. Pike, P.M. 156; Henry Walsham, 519; James Catling, 441; Wm. Phillips, P.M. 435; E. J. Odell, 217; Geo. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1319; P. L. Simmonds, 141, 554, and 1159; P. T. Duffy, 33; A. F. Pearce, P.M. 1572; George M. Atkinson, J.D.; J. D. Beveridge, 1319; W. J. Fisher, 1928; Edmund A. Smith, P.M. 7; George J. Dawson, P.M. 1853; A. R. Rogers, P.M. 1670; F. J. Potter, 1321; Robt. D. Cummings, P.M. 1677; Harry Tipper, W.M. 2090; Hy. Wm. Pyatt (Commercial Lodge, Nottingham); Edwin Penn, 35 (Maine, U.S.A.); H. Truman Wood, A.G.D.C.; S. George, P.M. 813; Edwin Bending, 1706; H. Herman, 1319; C. Basil Cooke, 1928; Beaufort Hinks, 217; J. Potter, 1987; Augustus Harris, W.M. elect 2127; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; R. F. Castellari, P.D.G.W. Punjab; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; P. J. Wharter, 65; H. Dicken, S.W. 1744; J. Herbert Kew, 179; Henry Guy, W.M. 1706; W. A. Scurrah, G.S. of W. Middx.; W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg.; C. Townley, 201; Joseph D. Langton, P.J.G.W. Surrey; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; J. Kew, P.M. 179; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; James L. Smith, W.M. 1744; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; E. Milner, P.M., P.G.S., P.P.G.R. Surrey; James Willing; J. Willing, jun., P.M. 177, 1507, 1744, 1987, and 1319; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Thos. P. Grayson, 272; C. W. Blake, 1185; Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence; Robert H. Goffin, P.M. 1572; Wm. Stiles, P.M. 1744; E. Swanborough, P.M. 1319; John Chester, P.M. 905; James H. Smith, 1928; C. Sheath, 1507; and G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321, as Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., G. Sec.; R.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., acting as S.W.; V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, as J.W.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chaplain; W. Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G.S.B., as D.C.; and W. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, as I.G. After the formal opening of the lodge in the three Degrees,

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE addressed the brethren, and said they had met that day on an occasion which was both interesting and important to all Masons—to add one more name to that illustrious roll of lodges which already existed under the Grand Lodge of England. It was just twelve months ago that he had the honour of consecrating a lodge in the City of London, which was specially devoted to the interests of brethren of the literary, musical, and dramatic professions. The lodge they were about now to consecrate was, if he might be permitted to say so, to run on somewhat similar lines, and he could only say that if it was able to achieve the success of its sister lodge it would be an extremely fortunate lodge. As they were aware, there were at the present time a very large number of lodges within the metropolitan area—about 350—and it was, therefore, of course, proper and right that the M.W.G.M. should be very loth to establish new lodges unless he found good and sufficient reason given to him for such an increase. It happened that in the present instance the brethren who were members of a well-known and celebrated Society in London—the Savage Club—had thought it desirable that they should bind themselves together in the Masonic bonds of friendship by having a lodge associated with their club, in which they might meet. Those brethren, therefore, had petitioned the Grand Master to grant them a warrant, and his Royal Highness, after having duly considered the matter, had come to the conclusion that the reasons they had advanced were good and sufficient, and decided that they should be warranted as a lodge. The brethren had been fortunate in selecting as their first Worshipful Master a distinguished brother in every walk of life, both Masonic and otherwise—Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Past Grand Warden—and under his kind, social, and genial sway this, their last venture of the Savage Club Lodge would no doubt attain to a high position among the lodges of London.

Bro. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., delivered the following oration:—

We are told at an important epoch in our Masonic career that we are "expected to make the liberal arts and sciences our future study," we hail, therefore, to-night, with satisfaction, the consecration of a new lodge composed of those who are carrying this precept into practice. Anyone who carefully considers the history of our Craft, written as it is in those letters of imperishable stone which connect the present with the remote past, cannot fail to observe how every work of our ancient brethren bears upon it an impress peculiar to the age in which it was executed. The expert will tell us at a glance almost the exact year in which the fabric was raised. Every age has its excellencies and its defects. The massive structures of a primeval age show a sturdy strength and perseverance—a generous expenditure of time and labour, but they show also a lack of skill and beauty. Again there are times when perfect skill and lavish ornamentation are marred by a want of vigour and truth. The most perfect architecture is that which combines our three great Masonic virtues of wisdom, strength, and beauty. It is rarely, if ever, that we find those attributes perfectly combined, and, brethren, when we consider the history of the liberal arts and sciences do they not tell the same story? Every age has its peculiar beauty, every age its peculiar faults. Nothing human is perfect. It is ever hard to shake off the depressing and vicious influences peculiar to the generation in which we are living. Hard to cultivate those truths which are neglected by our fellow men. I know that you may urge that intellect ought to guide and not to follow the age, but though I believe it does influence, I am sure also that it is not easy to avoid being in some degree infected by the evil—be it what it may, which in each time is predominant. Our literature, our drama, our science will always find it difficult to rise superior to its surroundings. To educate and not to pander to the degenerate tastes of the day. And here I hope that it is no idle boast to say that England occupies the proud position of having more than any other country avoided degenerating influences. We have our difficulties. But "the difficulties" I quote the words of one of the deepest thinkers of the day, which press us most sorely are really the discipline through which God is teaching us, veiled promises of coming wisdom. Through every conflict the truth is seen in the majesty of its growing vigour." Yes, here is our real Masonic secret—a secret which we are ready to teach to all who will learn it. Truth is the only power which can weld together wisdom, strength, and beauty. When the practical question is asked—How are we in art, in literature, in science, in the drama, to do work which will last, work which will attract and elevate public taste? The answer is, let our work be true and honest. Our failures are almost always owing to the prevailing faults of the day—hurry and want of thought. We are ever seeking to produce great and immediate results, without bestowing on our work that time, labour, and attention which the most elementary principles of truth teach us to be needful for all honest work whether of the brains or the hands, but get over difficulties not by facing them but by staving them over. The mistaken opinion of the hour is that we want to be popular, and I am using the word in its good and true sense, we must produce something dashed off at a minute's notice, and without care or prepara-

tion. I believe nothing can be more unsound. True brilliancy, the true way to win and keep public attention is to give it something worth attending to. This applies equally to the most elaborate scientific work, and to the lightest effort of the novelist's or dramatist's pen. For, note this, it is a misrepresentation of truth to suppose her to occupy herself only with obtruse and difficult matters. Truth is not a dull, cold, lifeless speculation, but a living reality which enters if you will but let it enter into every social enjoyment and amusement of life which enhances and never mars the pleasure of our being. Is it not so, are not the books which in our hours of relaxation we read over and over again, those in which truth has made the tone wholesome and pure? Why is it that whilst many efforts to bring men together for profit and enjoyment fail, but year after year our Masonic lodges increase and multiply, is it not because in an assembly like this, whilst recognising to the fullest every honest pleasure of life we are true to the just law of our being, that man is the image of God, and that we are pledged never to sully that image by aught that is ignoble or untrue? Let us as men and as Masons bring this thought into every word and action of our daily life, for thus only shall we be able to produce work worthy of our Master's acceptance.

The ceremony of consecration was thereafter proceeded with and completed, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke installed Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, P.G.W., as W.M. of the lodge. The following brethren received the collars of office: Bros. John Maclean, P.M., was appointed to act as I.P.M.; Sir J. R. Somers Vine, S.W.; Thomas Catling, J.W.; Henry Irving, Treas.; Archibald McNeill, Sec.; W. E. Chapman, S.D.; Tom Burnside, J.D.; and B. Tucker, P.M., I.G. pro tem. On the motion of Bro. Somers Vine, S.W., seconded by Bro. Catling, J.W., the Prince of Wales was elected the first honorary member of the lodge, and on the motion of Bro. Chapman, S.D., seconded by Bro. Burnside, J.D., Bro. Sir Francis Knollys was elected the second honorary member. The consecrating officers were next elected honorary members; Bros. Chapman, Tucker and Burnside were elected a Committee to frame the by-laws; and Bro. McNeill, Sec., announced that he had received letters and telegrams regretting inability to be present at the proceedings of the day from Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Bective, the Bishop of New Westminster, Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, Ex-Sheriff Clarke, the Mayors of Newcastle and Cambridge, and Lord Randolph Churchill.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. The usual toasts followed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that in this lodge, consisting as it did of members of the most loyal club in London, this toast would be loyally received. They must not forget that the Queen was not only the daughter and niece of Masons, but the mother and grandmother of illustrious Masons. During this year she would receive a great ovation. As to her reign he might say in the words of the poet:

Entire and sure the monarch's reign is proved,  
Who finds her safety in her subject's love.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The M.W.G.M.," and said it was a great episode in this day's proceedings, not only that H.R.H. had granted the charter of the lodge but that he had become a member. He had ever been a prominent member of the Savage Club. There was not the slightest doubt he took a great interest in their proceedings, and, as many of the brethren were old Masons when he was kind enough to undertake the office of Grand Master, they remembered the situation in which the Craft then was. The wonder was that his Royal Highness was so successful in the results so far as Grand Lodge was concerned. The progress of Masonry had been marvellously rapid, and no doubt by and bye it would require not only 350 lodges, but 500 in the Metropolis to meet the wants of the brethren.

In giving "The Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he could not pass over the services of the Grand Chaplain, both in the impressiveness and in the general character of his addresses.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., in reply, said in the presence of so many distinguished brethren it was impossible to be solemn or impressive, more especially as he saw on the menu card representations of savages treating the paraphernalia of the Grand Officers with anything but solemnity. He was afraid therefore that the Savages present would treat his speech in the same way. In taking part in the ceremony of the evening he thought he might have spoken with some misplaced emphasis; he felt, indeed, that with such good working that there was he had a hard task; still the kindness of the brethren made his task pleasant, and his honorary membership he should always value.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the Savage Club Lodge." It was a great honour for brethren to arrive at the rank of Master after a period of servitude; but when a new lodge was founded it must be a still greater honour to be selected by the founders to be the first occupant of the Master's chair. The Savage Club Lodge would no doubt be an important one. It had been founded by many influential brethren, and they had in the exercise of a very wise discretion selected a true, trusty, and distinguished Mason to preside over them; a brother who had not only shown his good services in the working of Masonry, but in every situation of life he had always proved his capabilities. The brethren were aware that the W.M. had held the office of Chief Magistrate of London. He remembered Lord Mayor Truscott of 1880, and the efficient manner in which he carried out the hospitality of the City, and showed himself a good citizen as well as a good Mason. It was just tomorrow seven years, after he (Col. Clerke) had been for the first time appointed Grand Secretary, he had the honour of being present in Grand Masters' Lodge and seeing Sir F. Truscott installed in the Master's chair. That year the Grand Master recognised the great Masonic worth and merit of Sir F. W. Truscott by appointing him to the high and distinguished honour of a Grand Warden of England. He was therefore an old soldier in the dignified position of W.M., and therefore the brethren of the Savage Club Lodge were very fortunate indeed in securing the services of such a Mason and citizen to rule over them in the first and most important year of the lodge's existence.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, said it was a very high honour to take the chair of the Savage Club Lodge as its first Master. It was with very great diffidence he accepted the nomination to that office. He thought they might have found a more able representative from their ranks, but when asked he felt he could do no less than place his services at their command, and therefore it was that he found himself in that proud position. He would have wished that some one more strong in health than himself should have undertaken the duties of Master. But so far as he could his best abilities were at the service of the brethren and the prosperity of the lodge should be uppermost in his thoughts. He was the first honorary member of the Savage Club, and he was proud that they had called upon him to be the first Master of the lodge. His gratitude would not be bounded by the position he held in the Club, but it would be extended by the position he held in the lodge.

Bro. Sir J. R. SOMERS VINE, S.W., proposed "The Consecrating Officers," to whom the lodge owed a great deal for their kind services that day. Every one of those brethren were only too happy to listen to the very impressive delivery of the Grand Secretary in consecrating the lodge, and they were also delighted to see what great assistance to him were Bros. Sir John Monckton, Thomas Fenn, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, J. H. Matthews, the D.C., and Bro. Edgar Bowyer. The brethren would show their cordial appreciation of these brethren's services by the hearty manner in which they had received this toast.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., acknowledging the toast, said his colleagues and himself were much flattered by the words of the S.W.; they were very grateful for the kind reception the brethren had given them, and for their recognition of their services by electing them honorary members. He and his colleagues had been much charmed with their temporary relapse from civilisation to savage life. If this was the usual savage life, where was civilisation? When returning thanks in the name of the consecrating officers and in his own name, he could not but express his thanks to the other brethren who assisted him, some of whom were superior to him in rank. Bros. Sir John Monckton and Fenn were pillars of Masonry whose names were household words. The Grand Chaplain was eloquent and impressive, and taught them what was the truth. He had also had the valuable services of Bro. Matthews, as D.C., and Bro. Bowyer, as I.G., and he would also tender to them for the brethren the recognition of their services. If it had not been for these brethren he could not have got through his work. The Grand Officers on these occasions were exceedingly glad to have it in their power to show their gratitude to the Grand Master for the position he had placed them in by giving all possible aid to the Craft. The lodge ought in the fulness of time to stand very high in the annals of the Craft.

In giving "The Health of the Visitors," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the Savage Club always liked to have visitors, and so it would be in the lodge. They had been honoured with so many visitors that evening that he believed every month the guests must increase.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., made a humorous reply, which is incapable of being understood by a reader of this report without reproducing the curious illustrated menu which formed the staple of Bro. Philbrick's remarks. He concluded by observing that the visitors had spent a most enjoyable evening, and had had a most hearty welcome. They felt themselves entirely at home among the savages. There was too much conventionality in this 19th century, and our meetings were too much like so many thousands of bricks turned out by a brick-making machine. It would be better that our native proclivities were allowed a little more scope by the exigencies of modern society. We should then see more of the peculiarities of the race, and society would be the better and sweeter, because we were not all of one pattern. The visitors wished the greatest success and prosperity to this lodge.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., also replied, and said that Bro. Philbrick had struck the ground from under his feet by dilating on the menu. This meeting appeared to have done two things, first to have confirmed what we had been always taught, and secondly to have solved the problem which had been often debated. They had been taught that the hospitality of the savages was their great strong virtue—that when they did not eat their guests they requested them to eat, and the problem that had been solved confirmed that much by the hospitality the savages had just extended; they never doubted that hospitality was a savage attribute. The problem that had been solved was one that had troubled learned men, more particularly learned Masons, many, many years—how far the principles of Masonry extended beyond the confines of civilisation. In ancient Temples there were signs and tokens to be found which were more or less identical with Masonic symbols. There had always been a doubt whether that proved the men of those countries were Masons or whether Masonic line and rule were honoured from those ancient times. The Savages had solved that, and taught the visitors that Savages were true Masons at heart, that they exercised the principle of hospitality, and that they had the means of enlisting the wishes of the brethren to visit them again. Bro. Lord JOHN TAYLOUR also replied.

Bro. Sir J. R. SOMERS VINE, S.W., in responding to the toast of "The Officers," said he thought it would have been more fitting if some of his colleagues had been selected for this task, as they were the active founders of this lodge, and he had simply to express to them the great honour which they had paid to him in asking him to be the first S.W. At the same time, as the duty had been put upon him, he would endeavour to discharge it by stating that it was the intention of the officers to make the lodge as complete a success as possible. For his own part, he should endeavour to show that respect for the compliment paid to him by the founders by endeavouring to carry out the duties devolving upon him in such a manner as to earn the esteem and confidence of the brethren, and, when the proper time arrived, be found to merit a further favour at their hands. All his colleagues were old friends and brethren of the Savage Club, and each in his particular department would not be wanting in his duties, so as to bring credit on the lodge and the Craft in general.

Bro. THOMAS CATLING, J.W., proposed "The Charities." Although young, as a Mason he had been taught to regard obedience as one of the first duties of the Order. Next to that he trusted he liked the sentiment and feeling embodied in this toast, because he hoped that would cover any shortcomings on his part, either in the proceedings of the afternoon or those of the evening, or those by which he should endeavour very briefly to direct their attention to the subject of Charity. He was very glad personally to have that opportunity of rendering his very grateful thanks for the charity and kindness extended to him on every side by those from whom he had sought council, advice, and assistance in connection with the founding, or endeavouring to found, this lodge. No one could have written more kindly, cordially, or encouragingly than the W.M., and when he turned on matters of routine or form to the Grand Secretary he had found in him not only the courteous official, but the kindest of Masons, and the most friendly of friends. To go to the subject of the Charities, they were the head and cornerstone of Freemasonry. He had heard (he might be wrong, but if he was he trusted it would be put down to one of those deviations from conventionality in which the Savages were allowed to have a little latitude) that their wives and families were taught that Charity was the covering of many evenings away from home. He mentioned this without mentioning the Savage Club too prominently. Charity had been its watchword; it had not been overlooked, because it was one of the old rules of the Savage Club, and the odd shillings, or five per cent., were put aside for a Benevolent Fund for those of their members who might happen to get into need. Therefore, he might say they started with some of this feeling of sympathy with this

toast, but it was one which he trusted the Grand Officers who had honoured them by becoming honorary members would never allow them to lose sight of, but would encourage them in every way to carry out Charity, which underlies the true spirit of Masonry. He trusted that before the year was out the Savage Club Lodge would add its mite to swell the benefits conferred by the three great Charities of the Masonic Order.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., replied, and expressed the hope that all in the room would emulate the very excellent example set by the J.W.; he trusted that one and all in this Jubilee year would unite in assisting to the utmost of their power those three great Masonic Charities, which were the pride of the Order.

Bro. ROBT. GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence, who was loudly called for, said he was not surprised at the toast being proposed and received so heartily in this youngest lodge. They had asked him to speak for the Charities. His best answer to that was, that the Charities spoke for themselves. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. Henry Pyatt, Henry Walsham, and Franklin Clive sang some excellent songs, and a charming pianoforte solo was performed by Bro. Edwin Bending, under whose direction the musical arrangements were placed. Bros. Edward Terry and E. J. Odell gave some capital recitations.

Messrs. Spiers and Pond provided a choice banquet, served under the careful superintendence of Bro. Madell. The wines were the noted brands of G. H. Mumm and Perinet et Fils.

The menu referred to by Bro. Philbrick in his speech was of unique design, triangular in form, representing a savage's tent. The illustrations, which were exceedingly humorous, conveyed in an admirable manner the three stages of Masonic enlightenment. The artist was Bro. H. Johnson, and the card itself was produced at the office of the *Freemason*.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

### GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

The annual meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales, &c., &c., was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, London, on Monday, the 10th instant, at 5 o'clock p.m., when there were present Comps. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Grand Master; Alfred Williams, as Dep. G.M.; Chas. H. Driver, as P.G.C. of W.; Rev. Samuel Maude, G. Chaplain; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; C. FitzGerald Matier (P.D.G.M.), Grand Recorder; B. R. Bryant, Grand Lecturer; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; D. P. Cama, as G. Capt. of Guards; George Graveley, G. Marshal; John Brittain, Grand Steward; E. J. Mills, Grand Sentinel; together with many Past Grand Officers and representatives of private councils.

The Grand Council having been opened in ample form, and the M. Illus. Grand Master saluted, the Grand Recorder read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were confirmed, as well as the reports of the Executive Council and the Grand Lecturer.

The former showed that the number of Councils on the roll was 12, and the number of registered receptions 344. In the latter the Grand Lecturer expressed the pleasure he had in noting the care and attention which were being bestowed on the ceremonial and ritual of the Degree.

The M.W. Grand Master expressed his appreciation of the services of R. Illus. Comp. T. C. Walls, who had filled the arduous position of Deputy Grand Master for the past two years with great advantage to the Order, and to whom, on his retirement, the thanks of the Executive Council are due, and are hereby rendered.

Grand Treasurer's accounts show the following result—

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ALFRED WILLIAMS, }  
ROBERT BERRIDGE, } Auditors.

The Most Illus. GRAND MASTER said he had listened with great pleasure to the report, which showed evidence of a large amount of care, attention, and zeal on the part of those whom he might call the working companions of the Order, and he desired on his own part and on behalf of Grand Council, to express his high appreciation of their labours.

Comp. Frederic Davison having been unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer, the Most Illus. Grand Master appointed the following as Grand Officers, those who were present being invested and saluted according to ancient custom:—

Comp. A. F. Godson, M.P. ... ..	D.G.M.
„ Chas. H. Driver ... ..	G. Ill. M.
„ William Nicholl ... ..	G.P. Con. of W.
„ Rev. Samuel Maude, M.A. ... ..	} G. Chaplains.
„ Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A. ... ..	
„ Frederic Davison ... ..	G. Treasurer.
„ C. FitzGerald Matier, P.D.G.M. ... ..	G. Recorder.
„ B. R. Bryant ... ..	G. Lecturer.
„ Robert Berridge ... ..	G.D. of C.
„ Dr. George Mickley ... ..	A.G.D. of C.
„ Dr. Wm. Edward Stewart ... ..	G.C. of Gds.
„ Henry George ... ..	G.C. of Council
„ Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc. ... ..	G. Organist.
„ G. W. Marsden, jun. ... ..	} G. Marshals.
„ W. D. Parkhouse ... ..	
„ H. B. Browne ... ..	
„ R. J. Voisey ... ..	} G. Stewards.
„ F. T. Bennett ... ..	
„ E. J. Mills ... ..	

On the motion of Comp. B. R. BRYANT, G. Lecturer, seconded by Comp. ALFRED WILLIAMS, P.G.I.M., the sum of five guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund on the list of Comp. Clark, who kindly volunteered to act as Steward representing the Cryptic Degrees.

The Grand Recorder having read apologies for unavoidable absence from several members, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, and the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Most Illus. Grand Master.

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CORRESPONDENCE—A London P.M., W. Darley, P.M. 158.

NOTES & QUERIES—"A Provincial Grand Portrait Painter," Alliance Lodge Banquet.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.  
"Cassell's National Library," "La Revista Masónica," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "New York Dispatch," "El Pentapla," "Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Masonic Advocate," "Citizen," "Masonic World," "Court Circular," "Sunday Times" (London), "Hampshire Independent," "Orient," "Keystone," and "Allen's Indian Mail."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1887.

**Original Correspondence.**

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

**A CURIOUS JEWEL.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Can any of your readers tell me to what degree the jewel belongs which has now been in my possession for some time? It is in the form of a silver triangle with a golden heart in the centre, transfixed by a silver arrow, barbed and feathered.

My wife gives it the poetical name of the Jewel of the Stricken Heart. It was given to me by a valued friend, a very old Mason, in Ipswich many years ago, and I have often wondered what it was.—Yours fraternally,  
EMRA HOLMES, 31<sup>o</sup>, K.C.T.

**THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
All the brethren on reading your article in Saturday's *Freemason* must have been struck with the grand ideas and opportunities shadowed forth for the coming Jubilee. The Imperial Institute will be a splendid National Memorial. The Jubilee jewel will be something for Masons to wear in remembrance of that happy event. The fees proposed to be charged for admission to the Albert Hall or Olympia will no doubt bring a substantial and welcome addition to the Funds of the three Charities. But I would ask is this all we can do to commemorate this joyful time?

In your issue of the 20th November you particularly called the attention of the brethren to the number of applicants for the R.M.B.I., which was likely to be further increased to nearly or over 150, with only about ten vacancies, so that about 140 of the approved candidates will again have to stand over unless something very substantial can be done to alter this state of things. Here is the opportunity for all Masons, wherever dispersed, and owing allegiance to our M.W.G.M., to assist in this grand work.

A Masonic commemoration jewel will be struck, of a certain value, say two guineas; this, I suppose, will have to be applied for by the brethren through their lodges. My suggestion is that all those wishing to wear the jewel should subscribe say two and a half guineas or three guineas to a fund to be collected by the W.M. or Treasurer of the lodge. The jewel should then be presented in the usual way. The balance, after paying for jewels, to be presented to the R.M.B.I., and the votes so obtained to become the property of the lodge. This should realise something like £20,000, and would be a most welcome addition to the Funds of the Institution. Every brother could then wear his jewel with pride, knowing that he had assisted to commemorate such a double event as the Jubilee Year of her Most Gracious Majesty, and the permanent assistance of so many of our dear old brethren and friends who so sorely stand in need thereof.—Yours fraternally,  
1585, 865.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Referring to the circular of the 8th inst., issued by the Pro Grand Master, and your leader in No. 932, on the 15th inst., I would suggest that a bar or scroll, with a suitable inscription, be allowed to be worn in addition to the jewel by all those who personally attend the celebration at the Albert Hall or Olympia.

If you think this suggestion a good one please make use of it in any way you like, but I feel sure it would be well received in the provinces.—Yours faithfully,  
W. C. PEACE,  
Cardiff, January 17. P.M., Treasurer 960.

**BURNS AS POET LAUREATE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
The festivities of the season have prevented me sooner noticing the interesting notanda by Bro. Hughan in your "Notes and Queries," entitled "Burns as Poet Laureate of No. 2."

There can, I think, be no doubt that Burns never held the office of Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2 (S.C.) No record of the creation, or even existence, of such an office exists in the minute books of the lodge so far as I can remember, and I examined them all some years ago very carefully, with the object of ascertaining how this matter stood, and, according to my recollection, there is no record of such a fact. There can be no doubt that Burns was assumed as a member of the lodge in March, 1787; but the minute books disclose nothing more. It has been the immemorial and inveterate usage of Scotch lodges to declare all their offices vacant at the end of each Masonic year. At the annual meeting in June, 1787, the whole offices of the Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning, were in like manner declared vacant. The offices enumerated as then existing did not embrace that of a Poet Laureate. Burns died nine years afterwards, and during that period office bearers were annually elected to every office in the lodge, but the records make no reference to Burns as the holder of any of them, nor to the existence of that of a Poet Laureate.

In his correspondence, written at the time, he makes allusions to Masonic meetings, but he does not refer to the alleged appointment, which would have necessarily gratified him very much.

It was not till 1815, nineteen years after Burns' death, that, for the first time, the lodge records the statement that he had been "Poet Laureate of the lodge." But, apart from this incidental allusion, the office itself had no existence, at least upon the records of the lodge, until the "Ettrick Shepherd" was appointed to it in 1835. It is impossible to believe that, had such an office been created and conferred on Burns, he would not in some of his numerous letters, written at the time, have referred to the compliment thus paid to him, and that the contemporaneous records of the lodge itself, and those of the other Edinburgh lodges, would have been all silent on the subject of his installation. Had it occurred as described, deputations from the other sister lodges would have been present, and they would have made their reports to their respective lodges, and those reports would have been recorded in their minutes, in conformity with Masonic practice, but no such reports were made.

It, however, appears from the statement of Bro. Hunter, P.M. 8, in his interesting little work, entitled "Burns as a Mason," to which Bro. Hughan refers, that the lodge did not confer the office upon Burns, but that it was the Master of the lodge who did so. The Master of a Scotch lodge had no such power. Bro. Hunter's statement therefore tends to show that the office had no existence.

It must be kept in view that Burns' works had in March, 1787, been only recently published, and that his fame was consequently local, for time had not permitted the general public to know of his great merits as a poet, and thus he was not then looked on as the great genius he undoubtedly was, and was thus less likely to be canonised by the Craft.—Yours fraternally,  
Edinburgh, January 15. W. O., P.M. 1 (S.C.)

**MUSIC IN LODGES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Following up the letters on this subject in the *Freemason*, I may state that in several lodges in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight sacred and vocal music is always practised at the opening and closing of the lodge, and I can vouch for the solemnity of spirit which it throws over the ritual. That its introduction "into our ceremonies" would as "P.M." suggests, "add to the beauty and attractiveness of our lodge working," few men with half a soul can doubt. What, I ask, would be said, if it were proposed to abolish singing in our consecration ceremonies. If that singing be legal—and if not I hope no one will attempt to raise the point—why should the same privilege not be allowed in ordinary lodge business.—Yours fraternally,  
H. L., P.M., P.S.G.D. HANTS.

**THE COLLAR QUESTION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I am much afraid to make myself any more disliked upon this question. Some consider it of no importance, but generally I find these very considerate (?)

brethren rank amongst the Grand Officers of all ilks. To those brethren who may have been expecting to see something from me upon this subject, I may say I have been silent in order to learn, if possible, something from my opponents; the study has not been very profitable, yet I have gleaned something.

I regret your report of the proceedings at Grand Lodge is not sufficiently full to make much use of in the form of quotation for the benefit of any who did not find it convenient to be present, and to quote from memory may expose me to adverse criticism.

The question now is, what next?

W. Bro. Pope, Q.C., G.D., has done me the honour to almost unsay, in his letter in yours of 18th Dec., all he was pleased to say in such glowing words in Grand Lodge in order to squash both me and the question at issue, and yet he cannot make the *amende honorable* without a fling at the unimportance of the question. To some, however, it may appear that if the subject is or was of sufficient importance as to induce those who compiled the Revise of the Constitutions to introduce a new article, and to do so in a very imperfect form, it may be worth the attention of others to try to correct their mistakes, and I trust Grand Lodge will not grudge the necessary time for this purpose. Bro. Pope now appears to think that Grand Lodge ought to concede almost all I asked—that is, to allow Past Masters to wear collars on all occasions—all else that I asked for was that the collar of a Past Master should be a distinctive one. Personally, I care not what is the distinction provided I get one. Some brother has suggested *green*—possibly he would not be averse to something still more Scotch, and advocate a tartan with the bagpipes as a badge; it is very easy for some folks to be ridiculous.

Of course, while admitting that the Board of General Purposes has scored a victory, yet I think 211 against 210 is scarcely so pronounced a decision of the United Grand Lodge as to warrant me in considering the matter closed, yet I labour under a great disadvantage in having to come so far at considerable expense of time and money, and to cause several other provincial brethren equal cost and inconvenience to support my theory; in such a case there ought to be some concession and consideration given in some way. I can hardly expect the Board of General Purposes to stultify themselves by proposing anything further, and yet I fear it will be incumbent upon me to propose the non-confirmation of certain portions of the minutes, or give notice of another series of motions for amendments, or both if no middle course can be found.

Although I greatly fear to trespass further upon your space, I would like to point out one absurdity in Article 308, as altered by last resolution, viz., the collars of officers and Past Masters are to be worn only in their own lodges, or in Grand, or P., or D.G.L., and yet even a P.G.M. or a D.G.M. has power to grant a dispensation to wear Masonic clothing upon certain occasions, as per Article 206. Putting these two rules together, they simply mean that all officers below the rank or office of Warden may wear by dispensation their full regalia, but Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens may not, nor can they have a dispensation; no, not even from the Grand Master himself!

Finally, I will be glad if all brethren who are interested in this question, either in favour or otherwise, will kindly note that I purpose, if possible, to attend at Grand Lodge on the 2nd of March to assist at the arrangement of this question.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317.

**CONTROL OF LODGE FUNDS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
My attention has been called to some letters in your paper with reference to what took place at the Cama Lodge. What I ruled was, that the brethren at the banquet table could not vote away the funds of the lodge.—Yours fraternally,

RAYMOND H. THRUPP,  
Deputy Provincial Grand Master Middlesex.  
Brook House, Twickenham,  
January 15th.

**"MASONIC RECORDS."**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
With reference to Bro. Shackles' letter in your last issue, and Bro. Gould's remarks in your issue of the 8th inst., I desire to draw the attention of these brethren to a German book, published in Leipzig, in 1859, entitled "List of all Grand and Provincial St. John's Lodges, and Scottish Lodges and Chapters, and of the so far known Clandestine Lodges in Germany, founded, extinct, and still existing since the year 1737; with historical notes, giving the names of the Grand Lodges to which they belong, the time of foundation, alteration, and extinction, by Aug. fr. Polick."

This work gives, in a similar way, I believe, to that of Bro. Lane's, information about the German lodges. If any brother should want to consult the book, I shall be very happy to lend it on hearing from him.—Yours fraternally,  
C. KUPFERSCHMIDT,  
P.M. Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238.

23, Woodberry-grove, Finsbury Park,  
January 18th.

Bro. J. D. Blackman was installed W.M. of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley, on Thursday, the 6th inst., Bro. Tom Turner, the ex-Mayor, being the Installing Master. There was a large attendance, both in lodge and at the banquet at the White Horse Inn afterwards.

At the annual meeting, on the 5th inst., of St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, East Looe, Bro. G. White was installed W.M. in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors, the ceremony being very ably carried out by Bro. J. Doney, P.M. 856. The banquet followed at the Ship Hotel, the usual toast list being duly honoured and the speeches relieved by occasional interludes of singing and instrumental music.

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## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 703] A CURIOUS EXTRACT.

I send you a curious extract from a minute book which I picked up the other day, which had been sold by auction with other "rubbish." The records in the book dated from 1736, and, thanks to Bro. Lane's magnificent book, I was at once able to ascertain the proper ownership of the document, the lodge—still in existence—having long since removed to the country from Spitalfields, where it was constituted.

F. L. E. J.

"7 July, 1754.—The business of the Lodge being over, it was regularly closed, but a particular affair happening in relation to Bro. Cryer, it was again opened, and then Bro. Furnival proposed that the said Bro. Cryer should not at any time hereafter have any vote in any matter, cause, or thing whatever, for it was thought the said Bro. Cryer behaved extremely ill, and absolutely broke through the laws in refusing to pay one bottle of wine for entering into the Holy State of Matrimony. It was seconded and thirdd in form, and, being put up to the vote, it was carried in the affirmative nem. con."

### 704] BURNS AS POET LAUREATE.

I have received a very interesting communication from my friend, Bro. W. O., relative to Bro. Robert Burns and the office of Poet Laureate of "Conongate Kilwinning," Edinburgh. His opinion, after a most careful and thorough investigation, is that Burns never held such an office, in that, or in any other lodge. Singular to state, there is no mention of the office in question, in the annual elections of the lodge. The officers in Scotland are elected, not appointed, and hence the absence of any references to the office of Poet Laureate, in the records, is to say the least, very strong negative evidence against the admission of the claim made in favour of Burns. Until Bro. Hogg's name appeared on the scene, there is no minute relative to the office whatever! Bro. O. declares that not one of his biographers refer to such an office having been conferred on the Scottish Bard, neither does the Poet himself mention the honour in question. Bro. Watson's picture of the inauguration is thus rather put in the shade, if it was not to commemorate an historical event; and I shall await with great interest, the publication of the history of the old lodge, No. 2, in the hope that the Historian of "Canongate Kilwinning," will be enabled to throw some light on the subject. It is just possible the R.W.M. may have called Burns the "Poet Laureate" for the evening, or suggested it as a possible honour in store for him, for it does seem extraordinary if there are really no grounds whatever for the title being applied to our immortal Bard. The letter from the R.W.M. of No. 2 in the "Freemason" of Jan. 15, 1887, is a welcome contribution.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### 705] THE MASONIC COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION.

In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick for 1881, p. 387, there appears:—"In the month of August last [1880], there was organised at Chicago, Illinois, an association of Freemasons under the title of 'The Masonic Collectors' Association,' the object of which is to facilitate the collection and preservation of everything appertaining to the literature, history, and rituals of Freemasonry. Any Freemason engaged in the collection and presentation of Masonic books, papers, manuscripts, or medals . . . and who shall pay an initiation fee of three dollars, shall be eligible to membership. The association has it in contemplation to promote the reprinting the proceedings of Grand Masonic Bodies, whose proceedings are scarce or out of print, and also the translation and reprinting of foreign Masonic documents. The President of the association is Bro. James W. Staton, Brooksville, Kentucky, and the Secretary, Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Newark, Ohio." It is possible that some reader of the *Freemason* may be able to state whether the association in question is still in existence? R. F. GOULD.

### 706] LANE'S "MASONIC RECORDS."

I admire the motive which led Bro. Gould to write a brief recommendation of Bro. John Lane's work—the "Masonic Records, 1717—1886"—and can assure him that the chief *Masonic Statistician* and the writer much appreciate his warm approval of the contents of that noble volume. Bro. Gould is so hard at work just now in completing his "History of Freemasonry" that I did not anticipate the pleasure of a friendly tilt with my esteemed collaborator for the present. Doubtless, a little needful reflection at times would have prevented me, as it would many others, from incautiously treading where, to say the least, the way was rather doubtful; yet I have always found that, from my very incautiousness, united with a burning desire to get at the facts, have frequently resulted an accession of information on the subject in question, thus compensating me amply for any friendly "wiggling" I may have received in consequence. Probably a similar result will follow my remarks as to their having been possibly six lodges engaged in the formation of the premier Grand Lodge, 1716-7. Bro. Gould, as the author of "The Four Old Lodges, Founders of Modern Freemasonry, and their Descendants" (a work which is "head and shoulders" above all others on this important subject), remarks that, as respects my Introduction to Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," he withholds his assent to the conclusion drawn by me from the Engraved List, 1723, viz., "that five lodges of earlier date than the Grand Lodge of England were then in existence." This (Bro. Gould urges) "involves the assumption that the 'Time Immemorial,' unlike the warranted lodges, were always—before the year 1720—arranged according to priority of constitution." That is quite correct, and, so far as I know, there is nothing to indicate aught to the contrary as respects the preserved Engraved Lists. In the valuable Lists of 1723 and 1725 (two distinct editions), what may be termed the "Time Immemorial Lodges" are at the head of the roll, and together provided the lodge at the "Cheshire Cheese" is allowed to be one of the number, thus make five. In 1723 List it occurs as fourth on the roll, the lodge at the "Horn"

(now No. 4) being the fifth. In both editions of 1725 the fourth position is blank, and the old lodge at the "Horn" is still the fifth in order. In each case (a) the first three and the fifth are admitted to have been "Time Immemorial Lodges" (b), being thus grouped together, coming before those warranted, and moreover (c), even though none of these Lists were numbered, those of 1725 (two editions) left the fourth space blank (d), which was filled in 1723 by the "Cheshire Cheese, Arundel-street," (e) also the same order being observed for all the lodges that are in 1725 Lists, which were in that of 1723 issue; I still consider there were "probably five or six lodges that took part in the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of England, 1716-7," and that "Multa Paucis" of 1763, in stating that six were present on that auspicious occasion, "is not without some slight corroboration." I claim no more than this, as certainly the point is not decided, and Bro. Gould is as fairly entitled to stick to the immortal "four," as I am to thus incautiously suggest there were likely to have been five or six. Bro. Woodford first drew my attention to the remarkable work of 1763.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## REVIEWS

### CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX, 1887.

This useful publication has a new feature in its present issue, which will surely be appreciated by many of its subscribers, viz., portraits of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and Bro. Henry Lovegrove. The portrait of the latter brother, being the editor of the Calendar, will be welcomed doubtless by his confreres, who should take the hint and become thus promoted and introduced to the Craft in their own Directories. At all events, the example is likely to be followed as respects the portraits of Provincial Grand Masters, which excellent custom was, we believe, first started by the "Devon and Cornwall Calendar" (Devonport) in 1865. Middlesex has now 38 lodges, having immensely increased of late years, under its most popular ruler. We are pleased to note that Bro. Lovegrove has obtained many more particulars respecting these lodges than in the edition for 1886, but even now there are several blanks. We anticipate that the editor can complete the dates of the warrants by consulting Bro. John Lane's great work, "Masonic Records, 1717 to 1886." There should be a list of the votes held for the "Central Masonic Charities."

### MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE, 1887.

Bro. G. E. Lake, the Prov. G. Sec., is the editor of this official publication, and has done his work well. There are 15 lodges and 495 subscribing members, being an average of 33 brethren to each lodge. There are six lodges of instruction in the province, and duly represented in the Calendar by the names of the officers and places and nights of meeting. Please take note of this brother editors, for such information adds much to the value of such handy Masonic Guides. Royal Arch Masonry is represented by 4 chapters and 82 members. The Knights Templars then follow with 27 belonging to the Stuart Preceptory, the four Mark lodges, with 59 members completing the series. As we stated in the *Freemason* last year, the list of the "Subscribers to the great Masonic Charities" is an exceptionally large one, and proves that "little Herts" is far ahead of several larger provinces.

### TALL CHIMNEY CONSTRUCTION, A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF TALL CHIMNEY SHAFTS. By ROBERT BANCROFT (Past President Civil and Mechanical Engineers' Society, London), and FRANCIS J. BANCROFT (Assistant Municipal Surveyor). John Calvert, 100, King-street, Manchester; Farncombe and Co., Lewes, Sussex.

This is, as the authors state in their preface, a thoroughly practical treatise. The subject matter consists of a series of papers read before the Civil and Mechanical Engineers' Society in 1878 and 1883, revised, re-written, and very much extended. The work contains general remarks on foundations, brickwork, minimum height of shafts allowed by municipal authorities, Metropolitan Board of Works Regulations for furnace chimney-shafts, some excellent tables on tests and strengths of materials (compiled chiefly from Kirkaldy's experiments), an article on draughts and stability, and lastly, a detailed description is given of over 80 forms of existing chimney shafts, of brick, stone, iron, and concrete. These are illustrated by a series of diagrams giving plans, elevations, sections, &c. Amongst others there is an interesting article on the ventilation of sewers by means of tall chimney shafts; the authors state that this means of ventilation has been used where permission could be obtained from the owners of shafts, at several of our principal manufacturing towns. Bro. Bancroft's work is tersely written and well arranged, and will no doubt be of much assistance to engineers and builders.

### TINNED MEATS, FISH, AND FRUITS; AND HOW TO USE THEM. COOKERY FOR OUR SICK AND INVALID POOR. Ipswich: Paurey and Hayes. London: Simpkin and Marshall.

The former of these two little treatises will be found very useful by our domestic economists, but especially by those who have but limited means and a numerous family to provide for. We are very far from being prejudiced against tinned meats, &c., but we confess to not being in love with them. Still we are persuaded they may be turned to far better account than they have been, and will stand a chance of coming into greater favour if greater trouble is taken in preparing them for the table. The author of this treatise has been at some pains in compiling an excellent array of recipes, which, so far as our limited experience of cooking goes, will enable those who experiment with them to place before their families a number of really toothsome dishes. We recommend the little work to our readers in the belief that they will be able to derive from its pages much useful information for domestic purposes. The treatise on cooking for the sick and invalid poor is also to be commended, and on similar grounds. It shows how wholesome and nutritious food may be prepared at small cost, and from simple materials, and will be found invaluable in the cottage and mechanic's home.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).—A most interesting ceremony, and one not often witnessed, marked the last installation meeting of this lodge on Friday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The lodge dates its assemblings 121 years back, and is the possessor of some fine old records in the shape of books and other manuscripts, which the brethren have preserved intact, unlike the scrupulous brethren of 1720. It has also some ancient furniture, and a Spanish Bible and a New Testament in the same language, presented to the lodge by Bro. Clement in 1826. The curiosities of the lodge, its historical features, its charters, and the names of eminent brethren who have belonged to it, make the Bedford Lodge one of the landmarks in Freemasonry, and the event now being recorded justly entitles it to the possession of another mark of distinction. To mark the great Jubilee year, which appears now to have seized the minds of the English as the principal subject of thought, the brethren of the lodge assumed that they could not do better than elect the father of the lodge—Bro. T. Cubitt, P.G.P., a P.M. of 20 years' standing—to the position of W.M., and for that purpose he was 12 months ago placed in the chair of S.W. by the then installed Master, Bro. J. Soper. Bro. Cubitt is an important link in the chain of Masonic history. He is the only present member of the lodge who remembers Bro. W. F. Beadon (the late London police magistrate, who has now been dead 25 years) as a P.M. of the lodge. Bro. Beadon was J.G.W. in 1849-50, and in 1853 he was a founder and the first W.M. of the Beadon Lodge, then No. 902 on Grand Lodge register, but now No. 619. Bro. Cubitt was one of the brethren who assisted at the consecration of that lodge and the installation of Bro. Beadon. The brethren therefore may be said to have exercised a wise discretion in again placing Bro. Cubitt in the chair of W.M., more especially as even in the long list of highly respected P.M.'s who are still attending members of the lodge, there is not one who has the happiness to possess more social and Masonic affection and esteem than this distinguished brother, while his liberality in the cause of Charity, whether Masonic or in the trade from which he was fortunately able a few years ago to retire, is it not written in the books of the chronicles of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions and of the Licensed Victuallers' Association?

Lodge was opened by Bro. Soper, W.M., who afterwards passed Bros. Dr. Daniel John Wycherley Donovan and Foster Shoebridge to the Second Degree, the work being done by him in a truly masterly manner. No less effectively did he perform the ceremony of installation when Bro. Cubitt was presented to him for that purpose, and Bro. Cubitt, on being placed in the chair, received the heartiest congratulations of all the brethren present. On the admission of the brethren below the rank of Installed Master, it was pleasant to note Bro. Cubitt's son among the number of brethren who saluted him. The salutations and proclamations being completed, the following brethren received the lodge collars: Bros. John Soper, I.P.M.; Ernest Jones, S.W.; Charles Jenner, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M.; Treas.; W. Liddall, P.M., Sec.; Vincent Larner, S.D.; Joseph C. Main, J.D.; Walter Snodin, P.M., I.G.; Samuel Millis, Stwd.; Jas. Brander, D.C.; and J. Longstaff, Tyler. Before the business of the lodge was finished the new W.M. presented to Bro. Soper, I.P.M., a handsome P.M. jewel as a mark of the approbation and affection of the brethren. Addressing Bro. Soper, he said that in vacating the chair of the lodge Bro. Soper carried with him the feelings of satisfaction of all the brethren with his dignity in the chair and the fluency and accuracy which distinguished all his work. In the name of the brethren he asked him to accept the jewel as a mark of their fraternal regard for him, with their sincere desire that he might be spared for many, many years to be among the brethren and wearing the jewel. Bro. Soper, I.P.M., in acknowledging the presentation, said it was very gratifying to him on going out of the Master's chair to receive a testimonial, particularly when the presentation was accompanied by such eulogistic phrases as fell from the W.M. He had been very few years among the brethren, but during that time he had endeavoured to do all that a Master could do, and he was glad to think that the brethren were of opinion that he had succeeded. He accepted the jewel with the greatest pleasure, and the kindness of the brethren and the words of the W.M. would never be forgotten by him. Bro. C. J. Turner, P.M., at his own request, was then elected a country member, as his constant absence from London prevented him from attending the meetings of the lodge. The report of the Audit Committee was taken as read, and was adopted unanimously, and the brethren closed the lodge and adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an excellent banquet.

The customary toasts were afterwards duly proposed and honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said they had just entered on the fiftieth year of her Majesty's reign, and shortly would be called upon in June to celebrate her Jubilee. The Queen was an exceptional monarch; because she was the only female who had reigned over England for so long a period. There were only three of the opposite sex who had had a Jubilee of their reign. Therefore Englishmen ought to feel proud of Queen Victoria. She had set a noble example to her family and her subjects. Her family had followed her example, and the British nation had witnessed their career with pleasure. As wife, mother, and widow, the Queen was unsurpassed, and the Royal Court of England was a pattern to the rest of the world.

The W.M. next proposed "The M.W.G.M.," and mentioned that the interest the Royal Family took in Freemasonry was testified by the Prince of Wales being Grand Master, by two of his brothers occupying the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens' chairs in the same year, and by the eldest son of the Prince of Wales being initiated in Freemasonry as soon as he was 21 years of age. The advantage to Freemasonry of his Royal Highness's Grand Mastership was shown by the number of lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge having nearly doubled since 1875. Bro. Raymond Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Prov. G.M.

Middx., in responding to the toast of "The Prov. G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the only motive the Grand Officers was to promote as far as possible the interest of the Craft and the advantage and happiness of the brethren generally. Their reward was the kindly greetings they met with in all lodges, which were as cordial in the Bedford Lodge as in other lodges. The Grand Officers fully appreciated this kindness, and always gave their best thanks for it.

Bro. Soper, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," informing the brethren that Bro. Cubitt was the father of the lodge. He could not say too much about him, though Bro. Cubitt had been out of the position of W.M. for 24 years. Those brethren who knew him longer than he (Bro. Soper) were as ready to welcome him as he was. They knew from reputation that when he was Master Bro. Cubitt did his work well and properly, and from that time to the present he had never deserted the lodge; but stuck to it like a leech. The brethren knew he thoroughly deserved that the toast should be drunk heartily.

The W.M., who, on rising, was received with loud and long continued applause, said in acknowledgment of the toast that he felt quite overcome with the warm response the brethren had given to those flattering remarks which emanated from the I.P.M. Upon the present occasion he felt a little nervous, and was afraid his lips would fail to give utterance to his heart's emotions. True, he had been associated with the Bedford Lodge for upwards of 30 years, and it was also true that the brethren had paid him a very great compliment, which he duly appreciated, by electing him W.M. for the Jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty. He trusted the lodge would pay the respect that was due to her Most Gracious Majesty. No endeavour to perform his allotted task to the best of his ability would be wanting; but the brethren must take into consideration that after having been on the shelf for 24 years he might be found wanting in that fluency which a W.M. should possess in the performance of the ceremonies. He knew, however, that he could appeal with confidence to the P.M.'s for support.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," and remarked that he felt proud of having the privilege of introducing his son to the members of the Bedford Lodge. He had desired to introduce him to Freemasonry in that lodge, but he was sure the brethren would not feel slighted because he was initiated in another lodge—the St. Botolph's, the W.M. of which, Bro. Saillard, was now present. While welcoming Bro. Saillard he hoped that he would not spoil his (Bro. Cubitt's) son.

Bro. Saillard said he had enjoyed the hospitality of that lodge on many occasions, and he was sure all the other visitors, as well as himself, had spent a very pleasant evening.

Bro. Thomas Cubitt, jun., said he hardly felt as a visitor with his father in the chair. He was very proud to be present in a lodge of which he had heard so much, and in which his father was so highly respected, and which thoroughly represented his own feelings. If he had not joined the St. Botolph's Lodge he should have joined the Bedford. He hoped to have the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of that lodge again, not only during his father's term of office, but also on many other occasions.

Bro. Walton, P.M. 1780, also replied.  
Bro. Frederick Morgan, P.M. 1155, in the course of his observations, said it had given him great pleasure to see the excellent working of the I.P.M. installing the W.M., and although he was not present when Bro. Soper did the passings he was glad to hear that that ceremony was performed equally as well.

Bro. Dakers, W.M. 1660, Past Dist. G. Treas. South Australia, was sure from the very able and feeling speech in which the W.M. thanked the brethren for drinking his health that there was a year of good office for the Bedford Lodge. All the visitors wished the W.M. a pleasant and prosperous year of office, and not only might he be spared for his year, but for many years to come for the comfort of his family and the benefit of the Bedford Lodge. It reflected great credit on the lodge that as far back as 1857 Bro. Cubitt entered it. Thirty years was a long time for a Mason to belong to one lodge. In the vicissitudes of this life people passed from one part of the world to another, but when that happened to a Mason he should not lose sight of the Craft, but should join a lodge in the place to which he went. The present W.M. occupied a unique position, having been initiated thirty years ago, and having become Master of the lodge a second time after thirty years. It was a matter for congratulation.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" followed, and the Worshipful Master, in giving it, remarked that the I.P.M. had performed his duties most ably. Although necessarily the ceremony of installation was that day curtailed, because he (the W.M.) was a P.M., he nevertheless very much thanked Bro. Soper for performing the ceremony. The P.M.'s were able and ready at all times to render assistance to the W.M. should he require it. Perhaps the old hinges had become a little rusty and wanted oiling, and he might have to call upon the P.M.'s for aid, and he knew if he had to do so the assistance would be given.

Bro. Soper, I.P.M., said he should feel most happy to give any assistance he could. He did not think that a Master after he had passed the chair should retire from his lodge. Some, however, did so; but that was not the case in the Bedford Lodge, for there were now 14 P.M.'s of it. That was a great credit to the lodge.

Bros. Briggs, Treas.; Liddall, Sec.; Walton, and Snodin replied; and the other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated, after spending a delightful evening.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—This old and flourishing lodge, which so successfully celebrated its centenary last year, started on its second hundred years' existence on Friday, the 14th inst., when the installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel. There was a very large attendance of members and brethren to witness the commencement of this new era, the total number present being over 170. The chair was occupied by Bro. Harry N. Price, W.M., and amongst the members present were Bros. A. Simner, S.W.; H. J. Chapman, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; R. Harvey, S.D.; H. Salmon, I.G.; J. E. Spurrell, D.C.; J. Billinghurst, Stwd.; C. Riechelmann, Org.; R. Pierrepont, P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; J. G. Walford, P.M.; W. M. Funstan, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; J. Buscall, P.M.; W. Herbage, P.M.; and A. B. Spink, P.M. The

visitors included Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. M. Hodder, P.M. 217; C. Cruikshanks, P.M. and Sec. 1777; G. H. Finch, W.M. 2005, P.P.G.D. Essex; J. T. Hume, S.D. 144; J. Pain, P.M. 1339; E. Storr, P.M. 167; J. Hill, W.M. 1658; J. D. Smith, P.M. 1658; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; W. Westley, J.W. 186; J. Oldis, I.P.M. 1288; W. A. Scurrah, Prov. G.S. of W. Middx., I.P.M. 2048; B. Simner, P.D.G.W.; B. Burmah, P.M. 1406; H. Stunt, W.M. 1641; H. Stiles, P.M. 1507; J. P. Allen, S.W. 1056; G. N. Turner, P.M. 72; S. Ayres, P.M. 742; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; W. H. Boys, P.M. 1658; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; J. T. Salmon, W.M. 919; H. Dickey, S.W. 1744; H. Potter, W.M. 1347; W. Williams, J.W. 2005; E. Lowther, P.M. 1307; J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report, showing a substantial balance, was received and adopted. Bros. Hallatt and Alger were raised to the Degree of M.M., after which the lodge was called off for refreshment. On resuming labour, Bro. A. Simner was presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. H. N. Price, I.P.M. Bro. Simner, W.M., then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Chapman, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas.; J. Morris, Sec.; Salmon, S.D.; Spurrell, J.D.; Billinghurst, I.G.; Goodfellow, D.C.; Hewetson, W.S.; and Walkley, Tyler. Bro. H. N. Price, the Installing Master, who performed the ceremony throughout in a very able manner, then delivered the usual addresses in a style that deservedly elicited hearty commendations from all present. The W.M. then gave a convincing proof of his knowledge of the ritual by initiating Mr. D. St. V. McPherson in an impressive manner.

Bro. Ferguson, P.M., then said he had been requested to discharge a very pleasant duty. The past year had been one of considerable importance, for their lodge had completed its existence of 100 years, a fact of which they were very proud. It was not every brother who was fortunate enough to be W.M. during such a year. Some of them had been born too soon for such an honour, others not early enough; but there was a brother who was born at the right time, was enabled to go through the various offices at the right time, and was therefore the occupant of the chair at the right time. The members desired to mark this event in a particular way by presenting Bro. Price, I.P.M., with a memento of this most important event. It had fallen to him (Bro. Ferguson) to present to their I.P.M. a token of the good fellowship and kind feeling with which he was regarded by the lodge. It consisted of a watch and chain, bearing the inscription: "Presented to Bro. Harry Nelson Price, to mark the close of the first centenary of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, and as a memento of the uniform courtesy and kindness which has characterised him as W. Master during his successful year of office." It afforded him considerable pleasure to present it to Bro. Price, and he trusted that every time he looked at it he would think of the pleasant year of office he had just completed, and of the kind feelings he had aroused. He hoped the I.P.M. would wear it for many, many years, and, while it served to remind him of the kind feelings of the members, it would also serve to remind him of the kind feelings he owed to the lodge; and when in the course of time it was handed down to another generation, it would still serve to mark the obligation the members of the Domatic Lodge owed to their I.P.M.

Bro. Harry Nelson Price, I.P.M., said he could scarcely find words to thank them for the great kindness they had shown him. It had been a very important year in the history of the lodge, and during that time he had been well supported by every member. He had not words to thank them, for he had scarcely deserved all the kindness he had received during his happy year of office. If he had given satisfaction he was satisfied, and he should consider the rewards they had given him as marking their appreciation. It would cement his feelings to that lodge, of which he should continue a member as long as he lived. He hoped he would be spared for many years to wear their present, and that the same feelings of love and affection would exist between them.

It was proposed by Bro. G. Everett, P.M., Treas., and carried unanimously, that the sum of 25 guineas be taken from the lodge funds and placed on the list of the W.M. for the Girls' School. This sum is annually voted to one of the Institutions, and this year the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is the fortunate recipient.

Bro. Simner, W.M., in thanking the brethren for the vote, said that as the forthcoming year would be the first year of the second centenary of the lodge, he desired to make a special effort on behalf of the Charities. To carry out this idea, if the members would subscribe 100 guineas, he would undertake to find another 100 guineas, thus making the total of his list for the Girls' School 200 guineas.

Bro. Ferguson, P.M., next gave a notice of motion that at the next meeting he would move that a Committee be formed to consider what steps ought to be taken to commemorate the Jubilee of her Majesty's reign.

On the motion of Bro. White, P.M., seconded by Bro. Ferguson, P.M., a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the I.P.M. for the excellent manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

After dessert the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and were interspersed with some excellent music, capably rendered by Madame Riechelmann, Miss E. M. Foxcraft, and Messrs. Stanley Owens and Dyed Lewys, Bro. Riechelmann, Org., presiding in a very efficient manner at the pianoforte.

In proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," the Worshipful Master said that the present time was one of joy and rejoicing. A Jubilee of the character they were about to celebrate was a theme on which no poet could write commensurate with its greatness. He asked all present to drink to loyalty to the throne, and devotion to the Craft.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was next given by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that the good qualities of H.R.H. were well known, and every brother present would acknowledge that he was a worthy and diligent Mason, and a thorough English gentleman.

"The Grand Officers" was then proposed, and the Worshipful

Master observing that when the history of Masonry came to be written, it would then be shown what the Craft owed to that body. He regretted that Bro. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., had been obliged to leave, but they had a good representative left in Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., whom he would call upon to respond.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in reply, said that Bro. Bowyer, who had unfortunately been obliged to leave, had deputed him to return thanks for the entertainment he had received and for the admirable working he had heard. On his own behalf it afforded him a great deal of pleasure to respond, for few present would remember that on that day 30 years ago he had the honour of sitting on the right of the chair as a joining member of the lodge. He was introduced by a particular friend of his, Bro. James Brett, and remained a member for many years, when circumstances compelled him to resign. In visiting a lodge to which a brother had formerly belonged, it necessarily awakened a kindly feeling towards that lodge and that is what he felt that evening. When Bro. Morris asked him to visit them he did not know how well he should be received, but whatever lodge he went into he was always treated with the utmost kindness. He congratulated them on the way in which the work was carried out, for it proved to him that their lodge—which had now been established over 100 years—would continue to maintain its proud position and would continue its prosperous career.

Bro. H. N. Price, I.P.M., said the W.M. had permitted him to take the gavel again, and he assured the brethren that he did so with considerable pleasure, for it was for the purpose of proposing the next toast, "The Health of their W.M." He had already said much about their W.M., and they were well aware of the goodheartedness and kindness invariably shown by that brother. They had also seen him initiate a gentleman who was an old friend of his, and he (the I.P.M.) was certain that, by the manner in which Bro. Simner performed that ceremony, it was a good augury for the forthcoming year. They would find their W.M. one of the happiest and best of brethren, and when he retired he would do so with the love and esteem of every brother of the lodge. He asked them to drink with all cordiality to the good health and long life of their W.M.

Bro. Abel Simner, W.M., in returning thanks, said that it was a very difficult task for a man to talk about himself, and he should therefore ask them to excuse him if he was brief in his remarks. He heartily thanked the I.P.M. for the kind expressions he had used respecting him, and the brethren for the hearty reception given the toast. He had always taken a very great interest in the lodge, and should continue to do all he possibly could for its benefit. He trusted that his officers would give him the same amount of sympathy usually shown to the W.M.'s in that lodge, and that the Past Masters would also afford him their support, so that at the end of the year he should be able to give a good account of his work. As mentioned in the lodge, he wished to represent the Charities, and should be glad to receive any guineas the brethren had to spare. It was his intention to make the total of his list 200 guineas, and he was quite prepared to find 100 guineas if they would contribute a similar amount. The present year was the first of their second centenary, and also the Jubilee year of her Majesty, and he wished therefore to collect a sum adequate to the importance of the time. Their I.P.M. was very proud of being W.M. during the centenary year, but he had the proud privilege of being the W.M. in the Jubilee year, which he considered far better, for a Jubilee Festival of a Sovereign was a far less frequent occurrence, and therefore the honour was far greater. He sincerely thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast of his health, and trusted that the kind wishes expressed towards him would be realised.

In proposing "The Initiate," the W.M. remarked that there was a quotation from Shakespeare on the menu respecting this toast, which was "Our hearts of brother's temper do receive you in with all kind love, good thought, and reverence." That sentiment fully bore out the welcome an initiate received when he entered Masonry. Every man that came into Freemasonry entered a new world in the midst of an old, and the more he knew of the ritual the better he would be enabled to fulfil the injunction—"Man, know thyself." By doing that he would become a better brother, a better citizen, and a better friend.

Bro. McPherson tendered his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received, and said he was proud of the position he occupied. He thanked them for the distinction conferred upon him, which was the result of an ambition of many years, for his father was a Mason.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Visitors." They had already been told that they were welcome, and they were aware that one of the principal features of that lodge was to practise hospitality. Bro. Lord George Hamilton had written to say he regretted he could not be present, but they had a very large and distinguished number of visitors present—about 84—amongst whom were Bros. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; E. Storr, P.M. 167; J. Hill, W.M. 1658; and E. Lowther, P.M. 1307; whom he would ask to respond.

Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., in response, said that the W.M. in his remarks had referred to the fact that there were about 84 visitors present, and had been kind enough to associate the names of four brethren to reply. On behalf, therefore, of twenty-one of the visiting brethren he begged to return thanks, leaving the rest in the hands of the other three brethren, who would no doubt respond in a more able and eloquent manner than he was able to do. At that meeting they recognised the important fact that the lodge was commencing a new era. Twelve months ago they celebrated the centenary of its existence, when Bro. Price commenced his successful year of office. The 100 years had closed and the 101st commenced, and he ventured to say, from the conciseness, aptness, and terseness of the W.M.'s remarks there was something to be learned, for he had defined a new path by the brevity with which he had proposed the various toasts. The visitors had been pleased with their reception, and also to see No. 177 maintaining its proud position. Knowing full well that in days gone by it included Grand Officers amongst its members, he hoped that the eyes of the M.W.G.M. would be opened to that lodge, and that the W.M., a P.M., or some other brother would be selected for office in Grand Lodge, and that at the next installation meeting he should have the pleasure of hearing a member of the Domatic Lodge respond for "The Grand Officers." That lodge had attained a high distinction, and, whatever the world

might say about Freemasonry, it had been established for the past 100 years without a word being said against it. Its fair fame, distinguished as it had been in the past, had been exemplified that night by the vote of twenty-five guineas for the Girls' School. He was sorry the Secretary of that Institution was not present, as he ought to be, to acknowledge it, but on his behalf he returned sincere thanks. The visitors could wish the lodge nothing better than that its future prosperity might be as bright as the past. On behalf of one-fourth of the visiting brethren he thanked them for the kindness and hospitality they had received, and ventured to say that the three visitors who would follow him would perform their task in a manner with which they would be better pleased.

Bros. Hill, Storr, and Lowther also replied.

Bro. Simner, W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," said that it had for many years been the custom in that lodge for the outgoing W.M. to install his successor. With regard to Bro. Price, I.P.M., he could add little to what had already been said, for everybody who knew him respected him. Those who were in the lodge had an opportunity of witnessing what the members thought of Bro. Price, and he now had another pleasing duty to perform—to present him with the Past Master's jewel, which was an outward and visible sign of the feelings of the lodge towards him. In placing it upon his breast he trusted he would be spared to wear it for many years. It was a memorable presentation, being the third since he was installed, but all credit was due to him, for he had won their love and admiration.

Bro. H. N. Price, I.P.M., expressed his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which Bro. Simner had introduced the toast of his health. The W.M. had told them that he had had three presentations, a fact in which he felt a very great pride and gratification, and while he lived he should never forget the good feeling they had expressed towards him since he had belonged to that lodge. His lot had been a fortunate one; but he had done his duty, and from the manner in which they had treated him he ventured to think they were satisfied. The watch was to mark the close of the centenary year; but the jewel he regarded as a guarantee that he had satisfactorily carried out his duties. He again heartily thanked them for the good feeling shown him.

"The Past Masters" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that the P.M.'s were deserving of high commendation, and each of them was respected and esteemed, for there were few lodges in the Craft that had such P.M.'s. The P.M.'s numbered 17, which was a fact to be proud of, and every one of them was able and ready to perform any duty he might be called upon to do. He had taken the responsibilities of the chair, relying upon their support and a continuance of the kind assistance by which they had helped him in his Masonic path in the past. He asked them to drink to the P.M.'s of the last century, to whom he owed a debt of gratitude.

Bro. Walford, P.M., as the senior P.M. present, thanked the W.M. for the cordiality with which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their kind reception of it. Bro. Simner had referred to them as P.M.'s of the last century. It was true that he did not feel a century old, although he was the senior of the long array of P.M.'s present; but the longer he lived, the more he enjoyed attending the pleasant meetings of their lodge. As that was the night on which every P.M. present was expected to say something, he would not trouble them with any lengthy remarks. He thanked them for the compliments they so frequently paid the P.M.'s. He hoped to be spared for many years to continue a member of the lodge, and to see brethren, like their present W.M., rising up to support the dignity and importance of their lodge.

Bro. Simner, W.M., proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said that all who came into contact with their Treasurer fell in love with him on account of his cheery countenance and kindly ways that always characterised his labour of love for their lodge. There was not a member who was esteemed and loved more than Bro. Everett. With regard to the Secretary, Bro. Morris, he carried out his duties with a mechanical precision that rendered him invaluable to the lodge.

Bro. G. Everett, P.M., Treas., in responding, said that their W.M. had used some very kind expressions with regard to him, for which he thanked him. The W.M. had also told them that he did his best to promote the interests of the lodge, and in that respect he had said nothing more than he deserved. Bro. Simner had spared no pains, and had been busy for some time past in making arrangements to ensure a satisfactory and enjoyable meeting. That evening had been one of the most trying of his (Bro. Everett's) life, as there were many difficulties to contend with, the principal being the strain upon the accommodation of the lodge, so that he asked the kind indulgence of all present. He would not make a long speech; but he could not help congratulating the lodge on having Bro. Simner in the chair. Their W.M. was the third, if not the fourth, that he had had the pleasure of initiating who had reached that position. He congratulated the lodge, for he was sure that they would have a good Master and a happy year. With regard to Bro. Price, I.P.M., he might as well attempt to paint the lily as extol his many good qualities, and it would be sufficient for him to say that whatever he had attempted to do he had done well, and had given great satisfaction. He again thanked them very much for receiving his health so cordially, and assured them that as long as they honoured him by electing him Treasurer, he would with might and main promote their interests.

Bro. Morris, Sec., thanked the brethren most sincerely, and assured them that he would continue to use his best endeavours to carry out his duties to their satisfaction.

"The Officers" having been given and suitably responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**SALISBURY LODGE (No. 435).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Bro. Edward J. Jeffs, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. A. Ross, S.W.; D. Belinfante, J.W.; W. T. Ball, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Kelly, S.D.; G. Witt, J.D.; S. Lehmeier, Org.; A. Allhausen, P.M.; R. T. Cook, P.M.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.M., P.G.O.; R. Sicker, P.M.; and others. The visitors included Bros. A. D. Cohen, 1017; G. W. Reed, P.M. 13; J. Tickle, P.M. 1196, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; A. W. D. Pasmore, 843; J. H. Walker, 1245; Staley, P.M. 185; Maguire, 2299; Meacock, 1742; A. Timothy, P.M. 87; R. Griggs, P.M. 228; G. C. Rivers, S.W. 459; G.

W. Saul, W.M. 1851; H. P. Isaac, P.M. 1693; J. Hill, 1702; A. Burden, P.M. 11; A. Rosenthal, P.M. 1673; J. H. Atkins, 1634; F. M. Wenborn, 813; A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1693; E. Parkes, P.M. 861; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which ballot was successfully taken for Mr. M. J. Berner, a candidate for initiation. It was proposed by Bro. Hooper, Treas., seconded by Bro. Ball, P.M. and Sec., and carried unanimously, "That 10 guineas should be placed on the Steward's list for the Girls' School," after which Bro. Capt. T. P. Fisher was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Aug. Ross, S.W., the W.M. elect, having been presented, was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. E. J. Jeffs. Bro. Ross, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. D. Belinfante, S.W.; W. H. Kelly, J.W.; W. T. Ball, P.M., Sec.; G. B. Witt, S.D.; S. H. Behrend, J.D.; W. Spilling, I.G.; C. J. C. Pridham, D.C.; S. Lehmeier, Org.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. Bro. W. H. Hooper, P.M., who was re-elected Treasurer, being unavoidably absent, his investment was deferred. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. E. J. Jeffs, in an impressive manner.

All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

"The Queen and the Craft" was the first toast given by the Worshipful Master, who said that as this was the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign he could not omit saying a few words respecting it. The fact that she was completing her 50th year was one for joy and rejoicing, for during the history of our country such an event had only occurred three times before. It was also worthy of notice that during her happy reign there had been greater progress made in science and education than at any other period, and the interest she took in her people had made her loved and respected. Masons in particular wished that she might long be spared to be the patroness of their Order.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was next given, the Worshipful Master remarking that the interest taken by H.R.H. in the Craft was well known, and it was the unanimous wish of the Order that he might have health and strength to continue M.W.G.M. for many years to come.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Grand Officers," and said that those who were privileged to attend Grand Lodge knew the time and attention given by the Grand Officers in the interest of the Order. The Craft was fortunate in having such good men to preside over it. He should couple with the toast the name of Bro. Ganz, P.G.O., and would also ask Bro. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg. Middx., to say a few words on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers.

Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., on behalf of the Grand Officers, returned their sincere thanks, and also his own, for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received. He was only a humble member of Grand Lodge, fulfilling a very small office, but having to be performed by a member of the profession to which he belonged. He was delighted to be once more among them, and many brethren present might not know that he was one of the oldest P.M.'s, but was not often able to attend. He followed with interest the doings of the lodge under the able guidance of the W.M. and Past Masters, and especially Bro. Ball, the energetic Secretary. He sincerely thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, and wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg. Middx., also returned thanks on behalf of the Prov. G. Officers, and advocated the division of London into provinces to enable deserving brethren to obtain provincial honours.

Bro. E. J. Jeffs, I.P.M., said the gavel had been entrusted to him to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he was quite sure the toast would be accepted with enthusiasm. For the last six years Bro. Ross had done his best to work his way through the respective offices he had had to fill, and he had fulfilled the duties with credit to himself, and the satisfaction of the brethren. When a storm is coming on we naturally look to see whether it will be a large or a small one, and when the W.M. takes his position for the first time, then we look to see whether he has the material to make a good Master. Bro. Ross, W.M., had had very little work that evening, but he had performed it in an excellent and elegant manner, that would leave nothing to be desired in the future. He could do no more than ask them to drink the health of their W.M., and join him in hoping he would have a prosperous year of office, and that the lodge would flourish under his guidance.

Bro. A. Ross, W.M., sincerely thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had introduced the toast, and for the far too many compliments he had paid him. No endeavours would be wanting on his part to deserve the kind words of the I.P.M., and to gain the love and affection of the members of the lodge.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was then given by the W.M., who said it was a pleasant, but difficult task—difficult because he could not find words to express all the many good things he would say of him. The excellent manner in which he had performed his duties, and how well he had acquitted himself in every office he had undertaken, were well known to the members and had given them great satisfaction. He (the W.M.) not only expressed the feelings of the brethren, but was entrusted with the reward. He had to present Bro. Jeffs with a P.M.'s jewel as a small acknowledgment of the valuable services rendered by him during his term of office. He hoped the jewel would be an ornament on his breast for many years, and that it would recall fond recollections of the love and affection of the brethren, and be a remembrance of his having gained the appreciation of them all.

Bro. E. J. Jeffs, I.P.M., tendered hearty thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received, and also for the kindly feeling that had been evinced towards him. Since he first took office six years ago he had done his best to work for the lodge, and to put himself in such a position that when he arrived at the height of his ambition he should be able to perform the duties well. If he was able to leave the chair, knowing that in the opinion of his superiors he had done his work well, and if he had earned their esteem, he was amply repaid. Having now left the chair he really considered that his duties had just commenced, and he should continue to do what he could for the lodge. He hoped for years to come to continue a Past Master among them.

The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and said he

was glad to say that they were always pleased to welcome brethren from other lodges, and they were fortunate that night both in quantity and quality. He was pleased to see so many familiar faces, and he hoped the working they had seen would induce them to come again, for it was by such visits that brotherly love was maintained. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Staley, P.M. 185, and Pasmore, 843, N.S.W.

Bro. Staley, P.M. 185, in responding on behalf of the visitors, regretted that it had not been placed in better hands. The eloquent manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast, and the reception accorded the visiting brethren, almost made them wish they could always be present. The working without flattery, was without fault, which could scarcely be said of many lodges. The kindly manner in which they had been received would induce them to visit the lodge as frequently as they could.

Several other brethren replied, thanking the lodge for the hospitality received and testifying to the admirable working.

"The Past Masters" was next given by the W.M., who said there was a goodly array of Past Masters, who had done good service in the past and would do so in the future if required. They were not all present that evening, unfortunately, some having written to express their regret at their inability to attend. The P.M.'s were always ready to give their time and attention to lodge matters, and at all times willing to assist the W.M. should he require assistance.

The P.M.'s having responded, the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was duly honoured, after which "The Officers" was given. The Tyler's toast having been given the brethren separated.

During the evening a selection of music was performed in an excellent manner under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmeier, Org.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday, the 17th inst. Bro. Henry Harbord, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. D. Hughes, S.W.; R. Pittam Stevens, J.W.; H. McClelland, I.P.M.; J. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; J. P. Hoddinott, S.D.; W. R. Haylock, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; A. Prince, I.G.; J. E. Fimister, Org.; R. F. Whur, G. Rubardt, E. Venner, and G. M. Gross, Stwds.; A. Ginger, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; A. Connolly, P.M.; and D. Hughes, P.M. Visitors: Bros. A. Hewlett Smith, P.M. 56; H. Pocock, 1558; H. Johnson, S.D. 1805; J. Wiggins, I.G. 1767; G. Grace, J.D. 73; G. Basset, J.W. 969; W. Murlis, P.M. 1642; J. Magrath, P.M. 1306; T. W. Heath, D.C. 1642; G. Read, P.M. 511; J. Cooper, P.M. 1769; G. Davis, P.M. 1642; F. Bowney, P.M. 193; R. S. Cummings, P.M. 1677; W. H. Baker, W.M. 1446; J. Gibson, I.P.M. 1604; T. Simpson, W.M. 1743; F. Hilton, W.M. 1622; J. Richardson, 511; C. Hardwick, 1347; J. Stamper, 34; F. Hurdee, 548; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Bro. Fielder was then raised to the Degree of Master Mason in an able manner by the W.M. Bro. Daniel Hughes, S.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and impressively installed into the chair by Bro. Harbord, I.P.M. Bro. Hughes, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. R. Pittam Stevens, S.W.; J. P. Hoddinott, J.W.; J. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; W. R. Haylock, S.D.; A. Prince, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; J. E. Fimister, Org.; G. Rubardt, I.G.; R. F. Whur, W.S.; E. Venner, G. M. Gross, and R. Gillard, Stewards.

The Installing Master, Bro. Henry Harbord, then delivered the usual addresses in a fluent and impressive style that was heartily appreciated. Messrs. A. T. Yardley, G. English, and A. South were initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Hughes, W.M., in an admirable manner. All Masonic business having been transacted, and several propositions for initiation and joining received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts were subsequently duly honoured, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," being proposed by the W.M. and received by the brethren with the customary heartiness.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," Bro. Hughes, W.M., said that his acquaintance with that body was not great, but he hoped to increase it later on. The Grand Officers, as the brethren knew, were the props of our great Institution, and without them the work of the Craft could not be carried on. They deserved hearty commendation from the brethren, and he therefore asked them to receive the toast with heartiness.

Bro. Harbord, I.P.M., in giving the next toast, said that when the gavel was seen in his hands, the brethren well knew it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of their Worshipful Master," and he hoped they would make up by their hearty reception of it for any inability on his part in proposing it. It was a duty and a pleasure—a duty because they had placed him in the chair as W.M., and they ought therefore to render him all the assistance in their power. It was also their duty to give him a good reception, and wish him "God speed." The W.M. came to them with no mean character, as they were aware, and he asked them to cordially drink to his health.

Bro. Daniel Hughes, W.M., expressed the pleasure it afforded him to respond to this toast. He thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which it had been given and received, and said that his heart was so full that he could not adequately express what he felt. He was aware that it was by their kindness that he occupied his honourable position, and assured them that their choice should not be abused, and would do all in his power to carry out the duties satisfactorily. He did not enter upon those duties with any light heart, for there had been brethren in the chair before him with whom it would be difficult for him to compete. He would do his best to emulate those brethren, and would be amply repaid if he gained the approbation of the members. Before he resumed his seat he had an agreeable task to perform. It was to propose "The Health of the Installing Master," and to speak of that brother as he ought to be spoken of was beyond his ability; to know him as he ought to be known, was to know him as he had during the last few months. As an officer, he respected Bro. Harbord as his W.M., but recently they had been thrown together, and he had learned to love him more than he thought it possible to love another brother. The manner in which Bro. Harbord had performed the



ceremony of installation had endeared him to his heart stronger than before. He could not speak too highly of their I.P.M. for he had never been excelled by any previous W.M., and any brother coming after him would have all his work to do to equal him. There was now a pleasant duty before him—to present Bro. Harbord with the P.M.'s jewel voted by the lodge, and in attaching it to his breast he sincerely trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him to wear it for many years, and that he would continue to be, as he had been, an ornament to the Craft.

Bro. Henry Harbord, I.P.M., said that words failed him to express his gratitude to the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their reception of it. It had been very pleasing to him to be received with so much respect whilst he occupied the position of W.M. That respect, he believed, was for himself as well as the chair, and without that combined respect all discipline and harmony would be at an end. During his year he had done his best to carry out the duties of his office well. If Providence had blessed him with a retentive memory, he had been pleased to use it for the purpose of rendering the ceremonies to their satisfaction. He thanked them for the jewel which, he was assured, was given to him in something more than the *pro forma* manner. He hoped to wear it for some time, and if he ever discredited it, he would return it to them. Again thanking them, he assured them that his services would always be at the disposal of the W.M. for the good of the lodge.

"The Initiates" having been given, and suitably responded to by Bros. Yardley, English, and South, the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and said that it had always been a pleasure and pride in that lodge to receive visitors, who invariably expressed high appreciation of the working and the entertainment provided. He was pleased to say there were 35 present on that occasion. He should couple with the toast the name of Bro. Murlis, P.M. 1642, who was well known in the Masonic world, and especially in connection with the Charities, as he is a member of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He always attended the meetings of that committee, and there was not a case that came before it of which he was not conversant. He should also couple the names of Bros. Cooper, P.M. 1769, and Hilton, W.M. 1622, who were also well known.

Bro. W. Murlis, P.M. 1642, thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, but wished he had chosen a brother who would have done more justice to it. All who were present early must have been impressed with the working, which was performed with that precision, harmony, and earnestness, that would be a credit to any lodge. He was glad to see the grand spirit of emulation amongst the members, and was quite sure the W.M. would do his best to equal, although he would not better, the example of the P.M.'s, and he would no doubt be pleased if, at the end of the year, the brethren said he had done his work as well. It always gave him pleasure to visit their lodge, and he thanked the members one and all for the many kind invitations he had received. He wished now to refer to another matter—the Charities—with which the W.M. had been pleased to say he was connected. If he had a weak point it was his love for the Charities. It had been mentioned that evening that the W.M. intends to serve a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped the brethren would heartily support him. It was his privilege to spend the whole of a recent day on committees connected with that institution. It was the last day for receiving petitions and he was sorry to say there were 141 candidates and only space for 4. He asked them all to make a special effort so that more aged Masons and widows might be relieved. On the next occasion they would be asked to give a vote for the Imperial Institute. He was not disloyal, but he thought it would be a good thing for Freemasonry if they could make a large addition to the number of vacancies for the three institutions. Let them do all they could as Masons to comfort the hearts of the aged people, some of whom, perhaps, were at one time seated at their festive board. A special effort should be made this jubilee year to enable each of the three Charitable Institutions to take on 25 more.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by the W.M. who made an urgent appeal to the brethren, and asked them for their support in his Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the 4th inst. Among those present were Bros. Plowman, W.M.; La Feullade, S.W.; Lingley, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Foalé, S.D.; Westley, I.G.; Ruffle, D.C.; Grover, Org.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Stranger, P.M.; Reinardt, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Sparrowhawk was duly raised to the Third Degree. Bro. La Feullade was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. G. Everett, elected Treasurer; and Bro. Reinardt, Tyler. Bros. Haines, Pope, and Westley were then elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel having been unanimously voted to the outgoing Master, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening spent, thanks to the musical exertions of Bros. Grover, Everett, Lundie, La Feullade, and others.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 11th inst., when there were present a large number of brethren under the presidency of Bro. Henry W. Kedgley, W.M. He was supported by Bros. T. A. Dickson, S.W.; Bowers Solomon, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; G. Reynolds, S.D.; W. F. Thorpe, J.D.; F. Gulliford, D. of C.; Stuart Lane, acting as Org.; S. Hewitt, I.G.; A. Ralph, Steward; R. F. Potter, Tyler; J. Jacobs, I.P.M.; G. Coleman, P.M.; C. Jacobs, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; R. Potter, W. Unwin, E. Hill, G. Burt, H. Faulkes, A. S. Bullen, G. H. Foan, H. Willis, S. Isaacs, J. Woodward, E. Mills, W. J. Green, C. J. Howard, F. Wilhelm, C. E. Tomlinson, J. Mayo, E. Packham, T. Skinner, L. Isaacs, T.

Snow, J. Potter, Turner Wilson, A. Freeman, L. Cohen, W. A. Dowling, J. W. Belsham, — Ismay, J. Bellamy, J. Pullen, and others.

Visitors: Bros. A. Sherwood, P.M. 231; S. W. Price, 1681; W. Poulard, J.W. 9; W. Roots, 1273; W. C. Keats, 1604; A. Clark, P.M. 1897; S. Renaut, J.W. 1623; H. Higgins, P.M. 1381; P. Kay, 1708; E. T. Taylor, 1597; F. M. Noakes, 2148; F. Kedge, 749; W. Bretty, 879; John Lowe, 1924; J. Lockett, 1638; J. Bond, P.P.G. Purst. Surrey; W. Weaver, W.M. 1889; J. Coulthard, P.M. 749; V. Orchard, S.W. 79; A. Smith, S.D. 1348; J. Hyde, 1662; W. Osmond, 1348; P. S. Glensen, 1348; S. R. Walker, 743; E. R. Wickes, 733; J. Humphreys, S.D. 739; S. J. Bumpess, S.D. 733; J. Rowe, 1559; W. A. S. Humphries, P.M. 45; Rob. Kirk, 1681; A. Latepur, 1950; T. Holmes, 141; H. Marks, S.W. 1349; W. W. Eastwood, 733; W. Williams, 2032; G. H. Churchley, 615; P.P.G. Stwd. Kent; E. Fullick, 1348; C. Foghill, 2012; C. Solomon, 188; H. Robinson, 1681; F. Harrison, P.M. 27 and 1310; W. C. Smith, W.M. 1563; H. Matthews, 1321; J. J. C. Gorlean, 1381; W. Richards, W.M. 1853; D. W. Fowler, 1571; W. S. Mulford, 1321; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. A. Dickson, S.W., was then installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. Kedgley, the retiring W.M., in a very impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. B. Solomon, S.W.; G. Reynolds, J.W.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap. (who was unavoidably absent); E. Jacobs, P.M., Treasurer; W. Bourne, P.M., Secretary; H. Kedgley, I.P.M.; George Stacey, P.M., Organist (who was absent on account of illness); W. F. Thorpe, S.D.; H. Hewitt, J.D.; C. A. Ralph, I.G.; F. Gulliford, D.C.; J. Jacobs, P.M., and G. H. Reynolds, Stwds. (absent on account of illness); and R. F. Potter, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. H. Kedgley, then delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a clear and forcible manner. Bro. G. Reynolds, J.W., read the report of the Audit Committee, Bros. Goldsmith, Unwin, and G. Reynolds, which showed the largest balance in hand since the formation of the lodge, thus proving its great and continued popularity. The new W.M., with a few well chosen words, presented Bro. H. Kedgley, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, remarking upon the assiduity with which he had attended the duties of his lodge.

The lodge was then closed after the W.M. had received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren present, the brethren expressed themselves delighted with the clear manner in which the Installing Master had performed the ceremony.

The brethren then adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a most sumptuous repast was provided, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini, whose arrangements were most satisfactory to all. The tables were most tastefully decorated with flowers, and each brother was presented with a button hole, provided by the W.M.

After grace had been sung, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, the W.M. alluding in most graceful terms to the approaching Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen.

Bro. Kedgley, I.P.M., in rising to propose "The Health of the W.M.," said he need not tell them, when they saw that gavel in his hand, that he was about to propose the health of their W.M. He had hardly known how to find words suitable to express the pleasure they felt at the exalted position he occupied that night, and trusted that he might have a successful and pleasant year of office. They wished him and all the other officers of the lodge long life, health, and prosperity. He was sure the Covent Garden Lodge would be as proud of him and the best would not feel ashamed of him.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, said the words that he had prepared to say had almost gone away from him. He thanked them very much for the way in which they had received the toast of his health, and hoped they would be as glad to receive him in the same way at the end of his year of office as they were then.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said that toast was one of those that the Covent Garden Lodge always gave with a great deal of pleasure. They were always glad to see them in their lodge and around their festive board; but they were especially pleased to see so many present that evening to witness the earnest and thorough manner in which everything connected with the Covent Garden Lodge was carried out. He begged to couple the toast with the names of Bros. A. Smith, S.D. 1348; Cox, and W. Richards, W.M. 1853.

Bro. Smith, in reply, said he felt himself at a great disadvantage as he was not a member, but he seemed like a member through belonging to the lodge of instruction. He could testify to the excellent work done there, which partly accounted for the success of the mother lodge. He must say the ceremony of installation was performed in the most impressive manner he had ever seen, and reflected great credit on all concerned. In conclusion, he thanked them very much for the splendid way in which the toast had been received.

Bro. Cox said that by the eloquent remarks of the previous speaker the responsibility had been in a great measure taken off his hands. He begged to thank them for the manner in which the toast had been received. The working of the ceremonies reflected the greatest credit on the Covent Garden Lodge.

Bro. Richards, 1853, spoke of the pleasure he always felt at meeting the members of the Covent Garden Lodge and witnessing their excellent working. As to the Fourth Degree, he could speak with a great deal of confidence.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said the way in which he had done his work was highly creditable, and if he only strove to imitate his excellence, he should be satisfied. He asked the brethren to drink his health in a bumper.

Bro. Kedgley, in reply, said he certainly had to thank their W.M. for the very kind and flattering manner in which he had proposed his health. His year of office had been one of the happiest in his life, and he had endeavoured to follow the good example set him by his predecessors, all of whom had given him every assistance to attain the exalted position of W.M., and he only hoped that every member might in their turn occupy that chair.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," spoke of the benefit the lodge had received from their experience, and their willingness at all times to do anything the Worshipful Master might ask of them.

Bro. Jacobs, P.M., in returning thanks, said it gave him a great deal of pleasure to respond to that toast. Although a P.M., he did not feel old; the continued prosperity of the lodge made them feel evergreen. The funds of the lodge, as they had heard read, were in a most flourishing condition, thanks to their I.P.M., and he trusted that by the end of this year they should have some money funded in case of emergency.

Several other Past Masters also responded. The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Officers," saying how much depended on their assistance and co-operation to make his year of office successful.

Bro. Solomon, S.W., said he would do all that lay in his power to assist the W.M. in making this the most successful year of the Covent Garden Lodge.

Bro. Reynolds, J.W., thanked the W.M. for the way in which he had spoken of the lodge of instruction; he was introduced by an old friend, who he regretted to say was absent that evening.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most enthusiastic and enjoyable evenings since the foundation of the lodge, showing the high esteem in which the W.M. is held in the lodge.

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs and recitations by the following: Miss Lane, Bros. Ralph, E. Jacobs, C. Solomon, A. Jacobs, and others. The whole of the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. S. Lane, who also presided at the piano, and gave great satisfaction.

**TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. Richard Kimpton, W.M., presiding. Besides the officers of the lodge and a goodly array of lay members, there were likewise present the following visitors: Bros. M. P. Cooper, 1056; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. Rest, P.M. 1288; J. I. Salmon, W.M. 917; A. Higerty, W.M. 1044; J. J. Holland, W.M. elect 1044; D. Rose, P.M. 73; E. T. Taylor, 1567; C. F. Matier, W.M. 1910, P.G.W. Greece; Charles H. Driver, 1910, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Surrey; R. F. Castellari, 1463, P.P.D.G.W. Punjab; J. Kimpton, W.M. 1601; J. Terry, P.M. 228; H. Neville (Blackheath Lodge); T. Sadler Wood, W.M. 2024; F. L. West, S.D. 1445; E. J. Gardiner, P.M. 905; H. Marceau, 1558; and George J. Grover, Org. 1381.

The W.M., after the opening business had been transacted, initiated Mr. Alfred Yeomans. Bro. Arthur Roger Carter, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. James Terry for installation. Bro. Terry having been requested by the W.M. to take the position of D.C. during the ceremony, Bro. Kimpton thereupon installed Bro. Carter as W.M., performing the ceremony in splendid style. The brethren appointed to office for the year were Bros. Richard Kimpton, I.P.M. and Treasurer; J. Rexworthy, S.W.; Herbert J. Rolis, J.W.; George S. Recknell, P.M., Secretary; George J. Garland, S.D.; A. G. Watkinson, J.D.; F. Cleak, I.G.; B. T. Kimpton, D.C.; Charles Gooding and J. J. Stedman, Stwds.; R. J. Pitt, Org.; and John S. Lackland, Tyler.

Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. presented to Bro. Richard Kimpton a massive Past Master's jewel of the established Temple Bar pattern, accompanying the presentation was some laudatory observations on Bro. Kimpton's Mastership, which any outgoing Master might well be proud of. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The customary toasts followed.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, the W.M., in giving "The M.W.G.M.," said he looked upon him as the head of Masonry throughout the world, and this fact was brought before him most strikingly at a little dinner about two years ago. An American owing allegiance, as a Mason, to one of the Grand Lodges of America was present, of whom he asked the question, who he considered the head of all Freemasonry. The American brother told him that throughout America they considered the Prince of Wales as the head; that although he was not the head according to their Constitutions, they looked upon him as the head of Masonry in a typical sense, because, as England was the mother of America, the Prince of Wales was the father of Freemasonry in America.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and, referring to their services in Masonry, said—

"They are the ground, the books, the academies, From which doth spring the true Promethean fire."

Bro. Richard Kimpton, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said most of the brethren had seen the able manner in which Bro. Carter had fulfilled the various offices which he had held up to the very high and honourable position which he now filled. What could they say of his past history? He had fulfilled to the letter every office in the lodge to the satisfaction of all the brethren. That night they had only had a small opportunity of seeing the working which he could do. He had invested his officers admirably. He hoped the officers would attend regularly and punctually at every meeting the W.M. should call. Every brother of the lodge would rally round the W.M. and support him, and when they had done this, it would be such an incentive to every one that the W.M. would have such a successful year, that 1887—the festival year—would be a red-letter year in the annals of the Temple Bar Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he knew not how sufficiently to thank the brethren; but he could only promise that in the coming year he would do his best to draw a line parallel to, and equal with, the line drawn by the P.M.'s who had preceded him. He should do his best to present the ceremonies to the brethren in as perfect a manner as lay in his power. He thought he should be able to satisfy them that he was "au fait" with all the ritual of the three Degrees of the Craft, and he should try to govern the lodge with equality, temperance, and kindness to all the brethren. Nothing remained therefore for him but to thank the brethren sincerely for their kind reception, and to ask them for their assistance during the coming year.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," of whom they knew more than he could tell them. Both he and they were equal in their knowledge of him as an Installing Master; but as a Past Master they knew him more than he did. But in both these positions the feeling of the brethren was that he had earned their affection by the beautiful working of the three Degrees, which he had given not, as some Masters did, as a matter

of rote, like a boy out of a Dame school, but as if it was a religion—and it was a religion—of the world. The I.P.M. had given it as such. Whether in initiation, or passing, or raising he had thrown his whole strength into the ceremonies, and had given the ritual of the Order with all its strength and beauty.

Bro. Kimpton, I.P.M., in reply, said it afforded him sincere pleasure to thank the brethren, and the W.M. especially for his words of commendation. The W.M. really affected him very much when he presented to him the Past Master's jewel, and he was not able to reply as he should have liked. He should feel wanting if he did not mete out the great measure of praise which was due to his intimate friend and one of the visitors that night—Bro. David Rose. If he during his year of office had afforded the brethren any intellectual delight or satisfaction with regard to the ritual of Masonry and in installing the W.M., he could only say he had been the medium of an old and intimate friend and Preceptor, who was present as a visitor—Past Master David Rose—but for whom he should never have been able to do it. That ritual had impressed him very considerably. He had been too much affected in lodge to thank the brethren for the beautiful jewel, but he now heartily and sincerely thanked them, and hoped he should have health and strength to wear the jewel many years, and to be among the brethren. The brethren had done him great honour by presenting him with it. He also thanked the brethren for his election as Treasurer, the duties of which office he would perform to the best of his ability.

In reply to the toast of "The Initiate," Bro. Yeomans said he trusted he should always prove a true and faithful brother among them, and with their assistance he hoped he should be of use among Masons.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visitors," all of whom were known for their integrity, their honour, and their Masonic capabilities.

Bro. C. F. Matier, and the Deputy Grand Master of the Punjab replied to the toast of "The Visitors," after which Bro. David Rose said it was the first time he had had an opportunity of being in this lodge, notwithstanding he had had several invitations. He had been highly gratified by the performance of the ceremonies that evening, more especially by the installation of the W.M. by the I.P.M. He was pleased he had been associated with him in his endeavours to make himself perfect. He hoped he should have an opportunity of visiting the lodge in future and seeing the working of the W.M.

Bro. Rest said he had visited the lodge so often that he looked upon himself as one of the brethren of the lodge. He thanked them most heartily for the kind treatment the visitors had received, but he must say something for the working of the lodge. He had looked upon it with the greatest satisfaction, for the work had been done admirably. It could not have been done better. If the brethren worked on the lines of the W.M. the lodge could not be excelled. He hoped all the brethren would take the example of the W.M. and P.M.'s.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Masonic Institutions," said he was going to stand as Steward for the Girls' Festival.

Bro. James Terry responded, and while rejoicing that the Girls' and Boys' Schools could take on nearly all their candidates, deeply deplored that the Benevolent Institution could only take on two widows out of 78, and 4 men out of 52. He would like in the Jubilee year to be successful with his scheme for having an additional 20 to be called "The Royal Victorian Jubilee Annuitants."

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The P.M.'s," hoped Bro. Terry would forgive him for not taking the Stewardship of the Benevolent Institution, but he had previously pledged himself to Bro. Hedges in a chapter to which he belonged. The P.M.'s of the lodge they had reason to be proud of, Bro. Butcher as P.M. and Treas., Bro. Recknell as P.M. and Sec., and Bro. Kimpton, I.P.M. He could not help referring here to a brother who had passed away to the Grand Lodge above who had been a good friend to him. He referred to Bro. Bush, a member of Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes, and a Vice-President of the Institutions. The lodge had already passed a vote of condolence to his widow and family, expressing sympathy with them in the loss they had sustained. He hoped they would long have such men in the Temple Bar Lodge.

Bro. Butcher, P.M., in reply, said that during the nine years which had elapsed since he became one of the founders of the lodge, he had had the gratification of seeing the I.P.M. and the Secretary initiated in that lodge. He had seen many others, and he also had seen the present W.M. become a joining member. He hoped they would continue to be members of the lodge, and work shoulder to shoulder, and do all within their power to increase the prosperity of the lodge. They had done so in the past. There were a goodly number of visitors present, which was a good proof that the lodge was not losing ground. He liked to see the old members stand by the lodge and help it. He resigned the Treasurership for two reasons, one being that his business would not allow of his being present at the opening of the lodge, and the other that he liked to see the older members make way for the younger. In the same way he liked to see the initiates work their way up.

Bro. Recknell, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." What he did for the Temple Bar Lodge he did with all his heart. He was the first initiate of the lodge, and, with the exception of the consecration, he had been at every meeting. He had seen its little ups and downs, but he hoped the present would be a most successful year. He congratulated the W.M. on the prospects of the lodge, and he also congratulated Bro. Kimpton on the able way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. All the brethren who listened to him must have been struck with the eloquent manner in which he delivered the beautiful addresses.

Bro. Rexworthy, and the other officers, responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated.

Some excellent songs and recitations were given in the course of the evening by Bros. A. Grover, A. G. Pritchard, J. H. Pitt, W. H. Webb, Charles Gooding, R. J. Pitt, and George F. Grover.

**BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1805).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Bromley St. Leonard Vestry Hall, Bow-road, E., when there were present Bros. J. E. McLaren, W.M.; H. B. Forbes, S.W.; C. Hornby, J.W.; J. Collier, Treas.; W. J. Rawley, Sec.; J. Bailey, J.D.; G. E. Paul, D.C.;

H. Johnson, I.G.; R. Toole and B. T. Johnson, Stwds.; P. Jackman, Org.; C. Sheppard, Tyler; A. Peterken, P.M.; W. Clarke, P.G.P. Eng., P.M.; F. Marsland, G. E. Wain, C. H. Flynn, L. Donaghy, C. Lewsey, G. T. P. Coningham, H. Skinner, J. H. Kirby, C. Selby, W. J. Roberts, H. W. Oates, W. M. Mead, W. Baines, W. Horne, W. T. Potts, N. Howard, J. Chiney, T. Green, S. Smith, J. Wingfield, J. Bussey, and E. A. A. Hambridge. Visitors: Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, W.M. 1804; D. Annan, jun., 1804; J. W. Gibbs, 1804; A. Souch, S.W. and W.M. elect 1804; H. Wharton, 1349; J. Purvis, 504; R. F. Bourne, 65; J. T. Sheffield, 65; T. Page, 1475; F. White, P.M. 907, P.P.G.R. Essex, &c.; W. C. Wigley, P.M. 1348; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Kirby, Donaghy, Skinner, Selby, Coningham, and Flynn were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Henry Bracey Forbes, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented for installation, which was most admirably performed by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. W. C. Wigley, P.M. 1348, as D.C. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Hornby, S.W.; J. Bailey, J.W.; J. Collier, Treasurer; Walter J. Rawley, Secretary; H. Johnson, S.D.; R. Toole, J.D.; B. T. Johnson, I.G.; T. Green, D.C.; Percy Jackman, Org.; C. Lewsey and G. E. Warn, Stwds.; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and members were then delivered by Bro. McLaren, I.P.M., who was then presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services in the chair. The balance sheet was then read, and left for discussion till next meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for the banquet, which was held in the Queen's Saloon. When the cook's material had been done justice to, the W.M. began the toast list, Bro. William Clarke, P.G.P. Eng., responding for "The Grand Officers," and also on behalf of "The Charities," making a very forcible appeal to the brethren. The W.M. announced he should represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution.

The Worshipful Master, in responding to his health, said he had heard that all the Masters of lodges were to be knighted or made knights of, but for the correctness of such he could not guarantee, but he would one thing—that was, that the crowning (k)night of every Mason was when installed as he had been that evening.

Bro. McLaren, I.P.M., responded as "Installing Officer," saying that although the brethren might have thought they had had enough of him, they would find that he intended them to have him further.

Bro. A. Peterken, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Wigley, Tijou, and Souch responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. Hornby, S.W., responded for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and happy evening to a termination.

Among those who sang were Bros. Roberts, Howard, Purvis, Barnes, and Bussey, Bro. Percy Jackman, Org., accompanying. Bro. Wigley gave a recitation—"In a Police Court."

**HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood. The brethren present included Bros. Hy. Stokes, W.M.; H. Maunders Williams, I.P.M. and Sec.; J. W. Hartley, S.W.; H. Hooper, J.W.; A. Darch, P.M., S.D.; J. Andrews, as J.D.; G. R. Langley, I.G.; G. Mordey, W.S.; W. H. Simons, Org.; A. Pittman, Asst. Org.; P.M.'s: John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; C. H. Phillips, J. W. Hiscox, and T. Moody; Dr. R. L. Lawson, W. Bartlett, C. W. Bennett, P. M. Hakim, T. Cox, and T. Trimmell. Visitors: Bros. H. Baldwin, P.M. 1949, &c.; R. R. Johnstone, S.W. 1777; and H. Mayer, S.D. 1693.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and duly confirmed. A ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Thos. Trimmell, as a candidate for initiation, and he, being in attendance, was duly initiated by Bro. C. H. Phillips, P.M., who performed the duty of admitting his old friend, by permission of the W.M. It being the election meeting, ballots were taken for election of the W.M. and the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and proved unanimous in each case, Bro. J. W. Hartley, S.W., being elected W.M., and Bro. Walter Hopekirk, P.M., being re-elected, for the third time, as Treasurer. Bro. C. Sheppard was re-elected Tyler. Bro. Hartley, S.W. and W.M. elect, received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, and returned thanks. Bro. Hopekirk, P.M. and Treas., was unavoidably absent from the lodge at the time, though he subsequently joined the brethren. A P.M.'s jewel, of the lodge pattern, was voted to the retiring W.M. on the completion of his year of office. A candidate for initiation having been proposed and seconded, a number of letters were read from brethren unable to attend, and their absence excused. The W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren.

Lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and the brethren dined together. On the cloth being removed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were given and received with cordiality, that of "The W.M. Elect" being received with enthusiasm, and very modestly replied to by the worthy brother.

The following brethren assisted with harmony and recitations: Bros. Simons, Pittman, Johnstone, Baldwin, R. Lawson, and Mordey, with Bro. Williams, P.M., as accompanist.

**BOLTON, —Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, on Monday, the 10th inst., and was attended by Bros. J. W. Poyntz, W.M.; John Hardcastle, S.W.; W. H. Lomax, J.W.; James Newton, Prov. G. Assist. Sec., Treas.; G. P. Brockbank, Past G. Std. Br., Sec.; Jas. Naylor, S.D.; R. Nightingale, J.D.; W. Golding, I.G.; Thos. Higson, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; J. Walker, P.P.J.G.W.; Jno. Morris, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; E. G. Harwood, P. Prov. G. Std. Br.; John M. Bentley, Mus. Doc., Prov. G. Org.; F. W. Pacey, P. Prov. G. Org. Berks and Bucks; W. H. Horrocks, P.M.; R. K. Freeman, P.M.; Johnson Mills, P.M.; John Booth, P.M.; M. Robinson, W. Gillibrand, T. Murphy, J. W. Thompson, Thos. Barnes, Wm. Forrest, F. W. Brockbank, Jas. Simpkin, H. L. Hinnell; also the follow-

ing visitors: Bros. J. W. Taylor, 221, Prov. S. G. Deacon; Geo. Ferguson, 1723, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; R. Duxbury, P.M. 146; Chas. Crompton, W.M. 221; W. F. Chambers, J.W. 221; W. Chadwick, W.M. 348; R. H. Phillips, P.M. 348; Jno. Barrett, P.M. 1723; N. Nicholson, P.M. 1723; Rev. W. G. Terry, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea; J. Higson, 113; Clegg, 1345.

The lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. G. P. Brockbank assumed the chair, and proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. John Hardcastle, S.W. Bro. John Booth, P.M., invested the officers, viz.: W. H. Lomax, S.W.; Jas. Taylor, J.W.; Jas. Newton, Treas. (5th year); G. P. Brockbank, Sec.; Robt. Nightingale, S.D.; Wm. Golding, J.D.; Johnson Mills, D.C.; J. M. Bentley, Org.; Wm. Forrest, I.G.; Thos. Murphy, M. Robinson, Wm. Gillibrand, and J. W. Thompson, Stwds.; and Thos. Higson, Tyler. Bro. Johnson Mills, P.M., delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Poyntz. The Auditors' report was presented and adopted. Bro. J. Morris was re-elected Charity representative of the lodge. Four gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, also a brother to join the lodge.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the various visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of about forty, adjourned to the banquet table.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—The installation meeting of this the second oldest lodge in the province was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Castle Hotel. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. H. Hallett, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. F. Plowman, I.P.M.; T. W. Markwick, S.W., W.M. elect; S. Chandler, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, Prov. G. Chap.; T. Rossiter, P.P.S.G.D., P.M., Treas.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., P. Prov. G. D. of C., P.M., Sec.; F. Duke, S.D.; J. B. Foord, J.W. 1184, J.D.; Muscatt, Org.; W. S. Allen, I.G.; Foster, Tyler; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 1820, 1842, P.M.; Councillor C. W. Duke, P.P.J.G.D., P.M. 1184, P.M.; Councillor W. H. Russell, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M.; John Pearce, P.M.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184, P.M.; Peter Robinson, P.M. 201; F. C. Edwards, Randell, Jones, Cooper, Walmsley, C. Hallett, G. Roddis, Rev. G. H. Frewer, F. G. Wood, C. Barnes, Reinmann, G. H. Gaze, Visitors: Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 732, Prov. G. Sec.; C. W. Hudson, Prov. J.G.W., P.M. 315; Dr. H. E. Price, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M. 1466; H. S. Gates, Prov. G. Org., W.M. 1636; J. J. Allison, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M. 1842; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184; Robert Hughes, S.W. 1184; Easter, W.M.; Every, W.M. 311; B. Meadows, Sec. 1842; Rev. Cross, W.M.; C. Muscatt, F. Moore, Henry Kimm, 40, and W.M. 1184; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed, and communications received. The Auditor's report showed a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. P.M. Duke, D.C., then presented the W.M. elect to Bro. Hallett, who very ably installed him as Master for the current year, before the presence of a Board of 20 Installed Masters. After the customary salutations the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. H. Hallett, I.P.M.; S. Chandler, S.W.; F. Duke, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, Chap.; F. Rossiter, Treas.; J. Pearce, Sec.; J. B. Foord, S. D.; W. S. Allen, J.D.; P. M. Skinner, Org.; C. W. Duke, D.C.; F. C. Edwards, I.G.; Reinmann, Stwd. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were very ably given by Bro. Hallett, after which the W.M. presented the retiring W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services during his year of office. A jewel was also presented to Bro. Hennah on resigning the office of Secretary. Bro. Duke was again unanimously elected to represent the lodge as Charity Steward. Bro. Hallett then proposed, and Bro. P.M. Russell seconded, that the sum of £5 be voted toward the fund for the relief of the widows and families of the Hastings fishermen, who were lost by the capsizing of their boat last month. Other business having been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, which was appropriately arranged with devices, banners, &c. The various courses were served up in Bro. Eaton's usual style, and gave universal satisfaction to the numerous company. After "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The 'Pro G.M.," "The R.W. Prov. G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," to which the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Freeman, very suitably responded, the toasts of "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Visitors," "The P.M.'s," "The Officers," "The Stewards," and "The Masonic Charities" were given, to which Bro. Duke, P.M. replied, fully explaining the objects of the Institutions. The Tyler's toast ended the list.

The meeting was a most successful one, whilst the speeches were agreeably interspersed by an excellent programme of music, vocal and instrumental, by Bros. Russell, C. Muscat, Frewer, Duke, P.M., Skinner, and F. Rossiter.

**MARGATE.—Union Lodge (No. 127).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, High-street. Visitors: Bros. Harry Nelson Price, W.M. 177; Harris, W.M. 1076; F. O. Eve, Morley, C. Truman, H. Morris, T. L. Hume, Hale, Newell, and others.

The W.M., Bro. H. Wootton, initiated Mr. J. Moore, after which Bro. A. Wootton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Jones Lane, S.W., who invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. F. W. Willett, S.W.; E. J. Bellerby, J.W.; Rev. Taylor Jones, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. G. Henning, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; G. H. Chexfield, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; J. Healing, S.D.; B. L. Moore, J.D.; F. Stanley, I.G.; J. Brighurst, D. of C.; H. W. Bamber, Asst. D. of C.; W. Bentley, Stwd.

The banquet took place at the King's Head Hotel, at which forty brethren sat down. The W.M. in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that the toast was one which recommended itself at all times to Freemasons. The Queen's realm somewhat resembled Freemasonry, for as it was spread over the whole world, so her Majesty's realms covered nearly one-sixth of the globe, not as one continuous continent, but a mighty empire scattered over the whole world in every latitude and every zone, in every

shape and form, from one vast continent down to isolated rocks; and much as Freemasons would like to see their ideal brother, H.R.H. the Grand Master, reigning over those dominions, they loved their Queen, and they hailed with pride and joy her Jubilee year. There might be many who for the first time were going to drink her health that eventful year, and it might be many generations ere another Sovereign reigned so long over them. Let them then drink the health of their Queen and patroness as Masons knew how to drink a health. May she live long and die as she had lived, honoured by all—an example to everyone and a lesson to many.

After the toasts of "H.R.H. Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," proposed by the W.M. in eulogistic terms, and "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, Earl of Carnarvon," and "Deputy Grand Master, Earl of Lathom."

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst," who he said was a hard working and painstaking Mason, and who was held in high esteem by the provincial brethren.

The I.P.M., Bro. H. Wootton, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. W. Jones Lane," who he said had worked steadily and well to gain the chair of K.S. The choice of the brethren had fallen on one who would do credit to their lodge and the Craft in general, and he had much to be thankful for in his year of office in being blessed with such an efficient S.W.

The W.M., Bro. W. Jones Lane, said he felt that no particular merit of his own had placed him in that position that evening, but it was through his striving to do all he could for the good of the lodge, and his regular attention to the duties. These were qualities every brother was capable of exhibiting, and he trusted there were many there that evening who was determined to do the same. In his six years of office in the lodge they had passed through many changes, and in that time he had found how much good men may do to each other; not by the Charity of the pocket altogether, but by that Charity one towards another that made men brothers; and during his year of office he would try and maintain those principles as far as in his humble power lay.

The W.M. then proposed "The Initiate," which Bro. T. Moore responded to in a very simple, effective, initiate speech.

The toasts of "The I.P.M. and P.M.'s of the Union Lodge 127," "The Visitors," and "The Masonic Charities" followed (Bro. James Terry was prevented from attending by a bereavement in his family), when the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful installation ceremonies the Union Lodge has had for many years.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The installation of Bro. R. W. Lees as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst., in the presence of a numerous gathering of brethren. The Board of Installed Masters was an exceptionally numerous one, and included the following: Bros. S. Clarke, W.M., P.G.S.; J. E. Le Feuvre, G.D., D.P. G.M.; George Dunlop, P.S.G.W.; J. R. Weston, P.P. G.R.; J. B. Thomas, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Cole, P.P.G.S. of W.; M. Miles, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. J. Phillips, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Robertson, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Sharpe, P.P.S.G.D.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.P.J.G.D.; T. P. Payne, P.P.G. Reg.; G. J. Tilling, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. A. Dyer, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Myer, G. Davies, and T. Dartnall, all of the lodge; H. Coles (Mayor of Southampton), 359, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Lashmore, P.S.G.D.; and E. Gayton, of 394; Stopher, W.M. 76; J. Patstone, P.P.G. Stwd.; and Aldis, of 359; Dr. Beaumont, W.M. 1112; J. Methven and R. Bell, of 1461; and A. M. Bailey, W.M. 1780. The visitors also included Bro. E. Brown (Sheriff of Southampton), Peace and Harmony Lodge.

The ceremony of installation was exceedingly well performed by Bro. Clarke, the retiring W.M., who was complimented upon the efficiency he had displayed in this branch of Masonic ritual. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Clarke, I.P.M.; Osborn, S.W.; J. Fewings, J.W.; the Rev. E. Y. Nepean, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. B. Thomas, P.M., Treasurer; J. Cole, P.M., Secretary; H. D. M. Page, S.D.; D. W. Tayler, J.D.; C. A. Dyer, P.M., D.C.; Abraham and Langman, Stwds.; C. T. Penny, I.G.; and Vare and Biggs, jun., Tylers. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Clarke was formally thanked for his services as Installing Master, and as Master of the past year, and it was decided to present him with a Past Master's jewel at the next lodge meeting. On the motion of Bro. Dunlop, seconded by Bro. Payne, a vote of sympathy was passed with the widow and family of the late Bro. Harfield, one of the oldest Masons in the province, and who, Bro. Dunlop pointed out, was admitted a joining member of the Royal Gloucester with himself forty-six years ago, and of whom he spoke as a man, a Mason, and a citizen, who was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him. The sum of twenty-five guineas was voted to the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, this exceptionally liberal grant being made in recognition of the fact that the Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is to take the chair at the approaching festival of the Institution, and that the D.P.G.M., Bro. Le Feuvre, a P.M. of the lodge, is going up as Steward, the amount of course being added to his list. A cordial and sympathetic vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Weston on his retirement, through indisposition, from his many years tenure of Secretary of the lodge, and it was decided at the next meeting to propose him for honorary membership in recognition of his lengthened services.

The installation banquet was served by Bro. T. Dartnall. Several references were made both in and out of lodge to the approaching Jubilee, and there was a general endorsement of the hope expressed by Bro. Le Feuvre, that whatever Masons might do privately as individuals, any application of Masonic funds to commemorate the Jubilee would take the form of Charity.

It should be mentioned that during the business proceedings Bro. Samuel Stevens, a member of the lodge, produced designs he had drawn for a canopy as a background to the Master's chair, and said he was prepared to execute the work and present it to the various lodges using the hall to mark the Jubilee year of the reign of the mother of the Grand Master of England.

Bro. Stevens was warmly thanked for his offer, which was cordially accepted by the lodge.

**TRURO.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 131).—The annual and installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes read, the Secretary read letters of regret of inability to attend, and conveying fraternal greetings, from Bros. the Right Hon. Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G. Master; Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, D.P.G.M.; N. J. West, Prov. G. Treas.; W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D.; and several other brethren. The chair was taken by Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., the Installing Master, who performed the ceremony with his well-known ability, assisted by Bro. T. C. Mack, P.M., the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Tonkin, being presented by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. M. Downing. The Installing Board consisted of the following: Bros. E. D. Anderton, P.M. 75, Prov. G. Sec.; W. B. Morriss, P.M., P.J.G.D.; W. Middleton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. Lean, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; N. B. Bullen, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; E. Edwards, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. H. Sampson, P.M., P.P. G. Stwd.; W. C. Oke, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; J. T. Tillman, P.M.; S. Tresidder, W.M. 75; W. Ellis, P.M. 318; J. J. Hawken, P.M. 331; E. T. Pearce, W.M. 589; and C. Tyack, P.M. 1006.

Bro. Tonkin, the newly-installed W.M., invested as his officers for the ensuing year the following: Bros. Downing, I.P.M.; W. T. Hawking, S.W.; W. E. Lukies, J.W.; W. Middleton, P.M., Treas.; W. B. Morriss, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Flinn, Chap.; J. Greenaway, S.D.; J. Harris, jun., J.D.; T. Kendall, D.C.; J. T. Letcher, Org.; E. Roberts, I.G.; J. Handley and W. H. Knight, Stwds.; and J. Langdon, Tyler. Bro. T. C. Mack was re-elected representative to the Cornwall Masonic Association, and Bro. G. M. Downing was elected Steward to B.C.M.A. and B. Funds.

The following brethren were also present at the installation: Bros. W. H. Knight, S. Revell, J. Stephens, J. Green, W. Allen, J. Oliver, E. Benney, J. Higgins, E. Roberts, and W. B. Cory. Visitors: Bros. John Bawden, 318; J. C. Benney, 75; T. H. Lake, J.W. 331; J. Julian, S.W. 331; W. Gibson, 605; W. Wales, jun., J.W. 589; C. Kent, W.M. elect 699; and T. P. Hicks, 131. The working of the lodge was admirable throughout, and the ancient prestige connected with No. 131 for care and precision, with effect in its working, is not likely to be lost under the present W.M. and his officers, who were put through their paces by closing down the three Degrees in a manner that would have reflected credit to any lodge worked by officers of years' standing.

At the conclusion of the installation, the usual banquet took place at the Red Lion Hotel. The W.M. presided, and there were present, in addition to those already mentioned, Bros. W. J. Johns, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Treas.; T. L. Dorrington, P.M. 131, P.P.J.G.D.; J. H. Ferris, W.M. 331, P.P.G. Treas.; W. H. Christie, P.M. 331, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Harris, sen., P.M. 475. During the evening a most excellent programme of music from "Hypatia," "Lurline," "Patience," "Drucic," "Stradella," &c., was executed by a string band under the conductorship of Herr Fraund, who also gave a solo on the violin, Mr. H. Phillips also giving one on the cornet. This added much to the enjoyment of the guests.

Full justice being done to the more substantial part of the banquet, and the instrumentalists having taken their departure, the W.M. gave "The Queen," which was received with musical honours. The usual toast list followed, being interspersed with choruses, glees, trios, and solos, all of a very high order, and many had to be repeated. Great credit is due to the vocalists, who all belonged to the Lodge Fortitude, for the care and taste displayed; they consisted of the W.M., Bros. N. B. Bullen, T. C. Mack, J. C. R. Crewes, W. J. Johns, J. Harris, W. E. Lukies, and J. Greenaway; and much too early came the Tyler's toast, which closed one of the best and most successful festivals held by the members of Lodge Fortitude.

A word of praise should be given to the hostess, Mrs. Bray, for the admirable way in which she catered for the brethren; the waiting was also excellent, thus leaving nothing to be desired.

**BOLTON.**—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at the Bull's Head Hotel on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Galloway, W.M.; J. Dooley, P.M., as S.W.; Thos. Nightingale, J.W.; W. Cooper, P.M., Secretary; J. T. Voce, S.D.; N. Downs, J.D.; John Morris, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., D.C.; R. Johnson, Org.; Thomas Higson, P.G. Tyler, Tyler; H. Ainsworth, P.M.; Richard Duxbury, P.M.; R. Horridge, P.M.; George Taylor, P.M.; John Barrett, P.M.; C. B. Wingfield, James Potter, H. Walker, F. M. Millner, S. K. Garstang, J. R. Podmore, C. Owens, John Whitaker, C. Fell, John Eddevane, J. T. Bond, Thomas Rimmer, N. Tyldsley, E. Gee, John Binns; and the following visitors: Bros. J. W. Taylor, 221, P.S.G.D.; James Newton, 37, P.G. Asst. Sec.; John Hardcastle, W.M. 37; Chas. Crompton, W.M. 221; Wm. Chadwick, W.M. 348; Dr. Cosgrave, W.M. 1723; P. Bradburn, P.M. 221; J. H. Watson, P.M. 350; T. A. Martin, P.M. 678; N. Nicholson, P.M. 1723; J. C. Varley, 277; and Rev. W. Holding, 734.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. Richard Duxbury, P.M., who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. T. Nightingale, into the chair of K.S. Bro. John Morris, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., then proceeded to invest the officers as follows: Bros. J. T. Voce, S.W.; N. Downs, J.W.; N. Nicholson, Treasurer; N. Cooper, Secretary; C. B. Wingfield, S.D.; J. Whitaker, J.D.; J. Morris, D.C.; George Taylor, Org.; Robert Johnson, I.G.; J. T. Bond and F. M. Millner, Stwds.; and Thomas Higson, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. W. Cooper, P.M., the whole of the ceremonies throughout being conducted in an admirable manner. The W.M. invested the I.P.M., Bro. Galloway, with a Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), presented to him by the lodge, and complimented him on the exceedingly satisfactory manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during his year of office. Bro. W. Cooper, P.M., was re-elected Charity Representative of the lodge. A gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A sumptuous banquet, supplied by Mrs. Long, the proprietress of the hotel, was then partaken of, and a pleasant and agreeable evening was spent under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

**GUERNSEY.**—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—On Wednesday, the 5th inst., the Masonic Temple presented a very gay appearance, the occasion being the installation of Bro. W. H. Lovell as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, to replace Bro. F. C. Sparrow, whose term of office had expired. There were a large number of visiting brethren from the sister lodges, including upwards of 20 Past Masters. Bro. F. C. Sparrow acted as the Installing Master.

After the ceremony of installing, Bro. Lovell invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. J. Quant, S.W.; J. G. Pickering, J.W.; Rev. H. Millican, Chap.; W. de Jersey, Treas.; R. M. Smythson, Sec.; R. McGregor, S.D.; L. Nicolle, J.D.; W. H. Foote, I.G.; R. Rowcliffe, D.C.; P. James Benest and G. Gartell, Stwds.; F. C. Sparrow, I.P.M.; and E. Biddescombe, Tyler. During the proceedings a very gratifying presentation was made to Bro. W. de Jersey, P.M., on his re-investiture for the eighth year as Treasurer. The testimonial, which consisted of a gold jewel, was presented by Bro. A. C. Quick, P.M., who, in a feeling manner, referred to the services rendered the lodge by Bro. de Jersey during the 14 years he had been a member. The jewel (manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, London), which is of unique design, being a combination of the Past Master and Treasurer's emblems, bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. de Jersey, P.M. Mariners Lodge, 168, in recognition of valuable services as Treasurer, 1880-87."

After the business of the meeting had been concluded, the brethren retired to the banqueting room, which had been very tastefully decorated for the occasion, where a most fraternal and harmonious evening was spent.

About 75 brethren were present at the installation and at the banquet. Dr. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Doc., presided at the pianoforte, and several brethren sang between the speeches.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R. Suffolk, proposed "The Visitors," and, in doing so assured those present from the sister lodges, as well as those from distant parts, that Mariners Lodge was always delighted to receive them. He said that at a recent meeting of Doyle's Lodge, at which he regretted he was not present, the then W.M., Bro. Clarke, had, in an able address on the history of Masonry in Guernsey, strongly urged the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge and the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master. He (the speaker) strongly urged the brethren to be unanimous in the matter, and suggested that each lodge should petition the Grand Master to appoint a Provincial Grand Master, and he thought the Queen's Jubilee could not be better remembered by the Masons there than by the restoration of their Provincial Grand Lodge. In the Church of England it was always found that when a new diocese was created, and a Bishop appointed, the Church increased in power, and influence, and numbers, and he felt sure that it would be so in Masonry in Guernsey if a popular and influential P.G.M. was appointed to rule over them. The name of Bro. Colonel Barbenson, P.M., Judge of Alderney, had been suggested, and, without doubt, if that brother was appointed, the brethren could not have a better or more courtly old gentleman to fill that distinguished office.

Bro. Sneath, P.M. Fidelis Lodge, responded, together with Bro. F. Clarke, P.M. Doyle's Lodge, and other brethren, also including one who hailed from a lodge in the Punjab.

Bro. Sneath took occasion to inform the brethren of the financial position of the Masonic Temple, which is gradually clearing itself of debt, and he recommended those who were not yet bondholders to take up the bonds, so as to free the building as soon as possible.

Bro. Clarke thought, with the great amount of local talent in the Fraternity, a good Masonic concert would help in the same way.

It was at a late hour before the brethren separated.

**MAIN RIDGE (Boston).**—Lodge of Harmony (No. 272).—The members of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John recently, at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. John Padley, P.P.G.S., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. John Henry Tasker, I.P.M. The newly-appointed W.M. then invested his officers.

About 20 of the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet in the lodge room, provided by Bro. Clemow, of the Peacock and Royal Hotel. This was the first time that the new proprietor of the above favourite hostelry had catered for the lodge, and commendation was universally expressed on the efficiency and liberality which were displayed. The provisions were excellent, and the wines of the choicest kind. Under the able presidency of the W.M. a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**BATH.**—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at Helting House, when the following brethren were present: Bros. the Rev. John A. Lloyd, W.M.; S. Loder, S.W.; Surgeon-General T. Ringer, J.W.; Rev. F. Sanderson, Treas.; H. Culliford Hopkins, Sec.; Rev. F. W. Macdonald, S.D.; Rev. J. C. McConnell, J.D.; and J. Ingle, I.G. Visitors: Bros. Herr Berndt, 1533; and others.

The minutes of the last emergency and regular meetings having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer's report was read and passed, after which Bros. S. R. McConnell, Rev. R. White, and Capt. Simson were examined and duly passed in a very able manner by the W.M.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards retired to supper at the Castle Hotel.

**HALIFAX.**—St. James' Lodge (No. 448).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., for the purpose of installing the newly-elected W.M., Bro. W. D. Shoebridge. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. T. Simpson, W.M., and the ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Mrs. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M., P.P.D.D.C. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. T. Simpson, I.P.M.; Charles Greenwood, S.W.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 408, P.P.D.D.C.; J. W.; G. H. Radcliffe, P.M., Treasurer; J. Jessop, Secretary; A. Mallinson, S.D.; Walter Hanson, J.D.; A. Robertshaw,

D.C.; Thomas Woods, I.G.; J. Drake, P.M., Org.; J. Green, P.M., Tyler; C. Pole, Almoner; Richard Hodgson, S.L.S.; J. W. Normanton, J.L.S.; Thomas Robertshaw, T. R. Sanders, W. S. Milligan, and J. T. Fletcher, Stwds. Towards the closing of the lodge, Bro. J. G. Lee, P.M., presented the retiring W.M., Bro. J. T. Simpson, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, London), which had been subscribed for by the brethren, in consideration of their appreciation of his valued services as W.M. during the year 1886.

Business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, ably catered for by Bro. Fletcher, of the White Swan Hotel. The W.M. presided, being supported by a numerous gathering of the members of the lodge and visitors from the sister lodges—Probitry, De Warren, St. John's, Halifax; Saville, Elland; Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge; Mirfield; Emulation, Liverpool; Derby, Manchester; and others.

After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P.; the Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," was ably proposed by Bro. W. Swale, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Thomas Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.

Bro. J. T. Simpson, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." in very feeling terms.

The Worshipful Master responded.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Installing Officer," which was acknowledged by Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M., P.P.D.C.

Bro. C. Greenwood, S.W., proposed "The Past Masters," to which the I.P.M. responded.

Bro. Richard Worsick, P.M., then proposed "The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by the visiting W.M.'s.

Bro. J. Drake, P.M., next proposed "The Officers," Bros. C. Greenwood, S.W., and Thomas Woods, I.G., responding.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Austin Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and responded to by Bro. J. Jessop, Secretary.

Bro. J. G. Lee, P.M., proposed "The Poor and Distressed Masons" in very feeling terms.

The proceedings were varied by songs and recitations from several brethren, and altogether a most pleasant and happy evening was spent.

**MONMOUTH.**—Loyal Monmouth Lodge (No. 457).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Monk-street, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when Bro. F. A. Powell was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Monmouthshire, in his usual impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. G. Prosser, I.P.M.; H. W. Peill, S.W.; Capt. Bradney, J.W.; Rev. D. G. Davies, Chap.; T. R. Oakley, P.M., Treas.; W. James, Sec.; G. Walley, S.D.; J. J. Furney, J.D.; J. F. Tye, I.G.; Champney Powell, Stwd.; and J. H. Grant, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. C. C. Powell and Mr. P. E. Wanklyn into the mysteries of the Craft.

The brethren afterwards dined at Bro. John Thomas's.

The following toasts were given, and appropriately responded to: "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W.D. G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of Grand Officers of Grand Lodge;" "The R.W.P.G.M., Col. Lyne; the D.P.G.M., Capt. George Homfray, P.A.G.D.C. of England;" "The W.M.;" "The I.P.M., Bro. T. G. Prosser, P.G.S.B.; and the Past Masters;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Initiates;" "The other Lodges of the Province, and the Visiting Brethren;" "The Treasurer and Secretary;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" and the Tyler's toast.

Bro. Richards presided at the piano, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The Treasurer announced that the subscriptions to the Masonic Charities during the evening amounted to twenty-five guineas.

**LEDBURY.**—Eastnor Lodge (No. 751).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, 9, High-street, upon which occasion Bro. Edward Maddison, I.P.M., was re-installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. South, S.W.; W. J. Grant, J.W.; Henry Morgan, I.P.M.; Geo. H. Piper, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Smith, P.M., D.C., and S.; Rev. Alfred Bannister, Chap.; R. S. Searle, Sec.; Geo. Best, S.D.; Thomas Hill, J.D.; Z. Evans, Org.; S. W. Hankins, I.G.; J. D. Evans, Stwd.; and A. Maddox, Tyler. The lodge was attended by over 20 members and the following visitors: Bros. T. Smith, P.M. and P.Z. 120; T. Blinkhorn, W.M. 120; Henry Wilson, P.J.G.W., P.M. 1204; Stanley Haynes, I.P.M., W.M. 1204; F. G. Russell, P.J.G.D., P.M. 1204; B. Bastow, I.P.M. 1575; Z. Evans, 567; and J. A. Deeley, 564.

The banquet, held under the presidency of the W.M., was well attended, and served in the Masonic room in excellent style by Mr. E. H. Hopkins, of the Royal Oak Hotel.

**SHAW (near Oldham).**—Albert Lodge (No. 854).—The installation of the W.M. elect and festival of St. John took place at the house of Bro. Dyson, Duke of York Inn, on the 12th inst. Bro. G. Chadderton, S.W., was installed W.M. by Bro. J. T. Holt, P.M., assisted by Bros. T. H. Duckworth, I.P.M. Friendship Lodge; G. Coleman, P.M. Tudor Lodge; and H. Patterson, P.M. Unlty Lodge. The following officers were invested: Bros. H. Mitchell, I.P.M.; Isaiah D. Bamford, S.W.; J. W. Mellor, J.W.; P. Whitworth, Treas.; J. H. Mills, Hon. Sec.; A. B. Ogden, S.D.; S. Kirkby, J.D.; F. Kelly, I.G.; W. Corbitt, D.C.; S. Hayes, Org.; B. Busch, T. Ashton, and T. Dyson, Stewards; and J. Ormerod, Tyler.

A sumptuous banquet followed, at which the usual toasts were given.

**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.**—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 957).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 14th inst., when, notwithstanding that the weather was extremely inclement, there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The meeting took place under exceptional conditions, the lodge having had recently to mourn the loss of its W.M., Bro. Hopgood, who had died after a very brief illness, and in the prime of life, from the effects of a chill taken in the performance of his professional duties. Pending the installation of Bro. Hopgood's successor, the lodge was ruled over by Bro. W. Austin, Ph.D., the I.P.M. The ceremony of installing Bro. E. Denning, the S.W. and W.M. elect, in the chair, was performed by the Dep. G.M. of the Province, Bro. Brooksmith, M.A., assisted by Bros. Rev. J. H. Churchill Baxter, M.A., P.M. 82, Prov. G. Chap.; W. Powell, P.M. 900, Prov. G.S.B.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 246, P.P.S.G.W.; and C. L. Sweeting, P.M. 92, J.W. 246. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Austin, I.P.M.; J. F. Nicholls, P.M., S.W.; J. B. Ransford, P.M., J.W.; R. Blizard, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Rev. A. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Fitzroy F. C. Jones, S.D.; H. Sutton, P.M., J.D.; G. J. Lee, I.G.; and J. Keen, Tyler. Among others present, in addition to those above named, were Bros. Prowde Smith, W.M. 82; W. E. Hayward, W.M. 900; W. L. Bain, P.M. 246, P.P.G.R.; G. W. Keeling, P.M. 1067, P.P.J.G.D.; E. A. Dunn, S.W. 246; F. R. V. Witts, P.M. 951; E. Gilman, E. P. Hooley, and others.

After the lodge the brethren dined together at the Talbot Hotel.

**KIRBY-LONSDALE.**—Underley Lodge (No. 1094).—The installation meeting and annual festival of this flourishing lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Market-place. There was a good attendance of brethren and several visitors from No. 129, including the Prov. Grand Secretary for Cumberland and Westmorland, Bro. Ed. Armitage, P.M., P.G.D.C., undertook the duty of Installing Master, and was highly complimented by the Prov. G. Sec., and others, upon the exceedingly able and efficient manner in which he discharged that duty. The W. Master Bro. Robert Palmer, then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. B. C. Waller, I.P.M.; Rallinshaw, S.W.; Birse, J.W.; Canon Ware, Chap.; C. E. Robinson, S.D.; S. M. Stable, J.D.; Pusey, I.G.; James, Treas.; Wormwell, Sec.; and Rennington, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the Royal Hotel, and spent a very pleasant evening, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master.

**CLEVEDON.**—Coleridge Lodge (No. 1250).—On Tuesday, the 11th inst., there was a large attendance of brethren to witness the ceremony of installing Bro. G. F. Price Pizey as W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else, W.D.P.G.M. of Somerset, and G.D. of England. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. Ransford, I.P.M.; A. Dawes, S.W.; M. H. Clarke, J.W.; T. Barnes, Treasurer; E. G. Rivers, Secretary; A. J. Woodward, S.D.; F. J. Saunders, J.D.; J. Jupp, D.C.; A. F. Rose, I.G.; W. Somerton, Org.; H. Amos and T. Knowles, Stwds.; and T. Cox, Tyler. Visitors were present from Lodges 291, 1199, 1222, and 261.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren, about forty in number, sat down to a banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Wickenden, at Regent House.

**WIGAN.**—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall King-street. There were present Bros. Wm. Johnson, W.M.; R. B. Seddon, S.W.; Jno. Browne, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; H. T. Bouchier, Sec.; Thos. Knowles, as S.D.; H. Riddlesworth, J.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Rigby, I.G.; Wm. Patterson, Tyler; C. E. Benzer, P.M.; A. H. Crossley, P.M.; R. Betley, P.M.; H. T. Byrom, P.M.; R. C. Snape, P.M.; Lieut.-Col. R. A. Farington, P.M.; S. A. Oliver, P.M.; Thos. Wilson, P.M.; Col. A. E. M. Tomlinson, P.M.; C. A. Cranshaw, A. Cranston, J. Buchanan, E. H. Monks, R. White, J. A. McGregor, and W. Simpson. Visitors: Bros. W. Goodacre, P. G. Sec.; Jno. Cobham, P.P.S.G.D., 1380; Jas. Pickering, P.P.S.G.D., 178; T. Milligan, P.P.S.G.D., 178; J. Ashurst, 178; Wm. Taberner, 178; R. Layland, 178; Jas. Brindle, 178; Edwin Seddon, 178; Thos. Vernon, 282; and Israel Knowles, 178.

The lodge was opened at 4.30, and the minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as those of the lodge of emergency held on the 29th ult., were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. C. E. Benzer, who acted as Installing Master, took the chair, when Bro. R. B. Seddon, S.W. and M. elect, was presented by Bro. S. A. Oliver, and duly installed as W.M.

The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. Jno. Browne, S.W.; A. H. Boucher, J.W.; J. D. Murray, again as Treas.; H. Riddlesworth, Sec.; Wm. Rigby, S.D.; R. P. White, I.G.; C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G. Org. Bucks and Berks, Org.; G. L. Campbell, D.C.; Wm. Patterson, Tyler.

The Treasurer's statement was then given, and which showed the lodge to be in a very healthy condition. This was confirmed by the Auditors, and the accounts passed. The following brethren were then proposed as joining members. Bros. Walter Tomlinson, Israel Knowles, and Robert Layland, of 178. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed at 6.30, and the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where Miss Horsepool certainly eclipsed all her previous efforts in the way of providing and serving a good dinner. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The pleasures of the evening were added to by Bros. Johnson, Cranston, Vernon, Cobham, and Byrom, rendering some very good songs.

**NORTHALLERTON.**—Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held recently, at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Henry Warrior was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Despite the wretched weather there was a capital attendance of visitors and brethren.

Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. A. C. Knowles, P.P.G.D.; Z. Wright, P.M.; W. W. Hall; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; F. R. Hansell; J. T. Hansell, J.W.; Henry Langford; J. S. Farmery, 1416; Geo. T. Reay, Sec. 764; T. Smith, 837; John Pearson, P.S.W.; G. W. Pattison, 602, and others. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. A. C. Knowles, P.P.G.D., who duly installed Bro. Warrior as W.M. for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Warrior invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Nettleton, I.P.M.; John S. Winn, S.W.; T. Russell, J.W.; C. Waistell, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Robinson, Sec.; Wm. Bell, S.D.; A. H. Syree, J.D.; G. J. Robinson, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; C. Tweedy, Org.; Jas. Ward, I.G.; R. S. Palliser, P.M., S.S.; N. Russell, J.S.; and E. Wilkinson, Tyler. Bro. R. S. Palliser, P.M., on behalf of the P.P.G.S. of Wks., then presented to the lodge a handsomely framed tablet, containing a record of the names of the founders of the lodge and the names of the Past Masters. On the motion of Bro. G. J. Robinson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Jos. Fairburn, P.M., the gift was accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. C. Palliser for his handsome present, regret being expressed at his absence through indisposition.

Afterwards the annual banquet was held at Bro. Simpson's, the Golden Lion Hotel, when a recherché spread was partaken of. Bro. Warrior presided, and Bro. J. S. Winn was Vice-Chairman. The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and said he was satisfied, that during the Jubilee, Masons would honour her Majesty with becoming respect.

The toasts of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M., and the other members of the Royal Family" was given by the W.M., as was also the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master."

Bro. J. S. Winn gave "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire."

Bro. J. Russell, J.W., submitted "The W. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. of North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. C. Waistell, P.M., and R. S. Palliser, P.M., responded in appropriate terms.

Bro. Smith, P.M., then proposed "The Worthy W.M. and Prosperity to the Lodge." He said the toast properly fell to their Installing Master, but as he had known Bro. Warrior for a number of years Bro. Knowles had kindly handed it over to him. His opinion was that their new W.M. was the right man in the right place, and he was certain that their officers were all brethren who would work hard during the year. He strongly advised them to have a lodge of instruction three or four days prior to their regular lodge, so as to enable their new officers to learn all the duties of the various offices, and be able to perform the various ceremonies. In conclusion he trusted they might get through a large quantity of work this year. The toast was drunk with the customary honours, after which Bro. Dr. Hitchinson sang "The Holy Friar."

The W.M. thanked them heartily for the grand response they had given to the toast. He entirely approved of the formation of a lodge of instruction, and would do his best to have one established. He trusted that during his year of office he might be enabled to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Anchor Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then submitted "The Installing Master," which was given with full musical honours; song—Bro. Pearson—"The Wolf."

Bro. A. C. Knowles, P.P.G.D. of Durham, replied, and thanked them for the compliment they had paid him. His acquaintance with the Anchor Lodge began many years ago. He appreciated their kind invitation, and was always very glad to respond to it. He was not a great or a learned Mason, for Freemasonry, like everything else, had made rapid strides in progression, there being now some brethren who could repeat the various ceremonies line for line and measure for measure, but as he was not a modern Mason he had endeavoured to give them the ceremony of installation that day in the old-fashioned style. In conclusion, he congratulated Bro. Warrior upon his promotion to the position of W.M., while he congratulated the lodge upon their selection. Song—Bro. Pattinson—"The Anchor's Weighed."

Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., proposed "The I.P.M." It had been his privilege, together with other brethren from the Falcon Lodge, to annually visit the Anchor Lodge at the installation, and he was glad that on the present occasion the brethren had chosen one to preside over them who knew the requirements of their lodge, and who was in every respect qualified for the position to which he had been promoted. They knew in that (the Anchor) Lodge they had many able men, and he himself could testify that Masons whom he had known for 30 or 40 years had succeeded to the chair, and had filled the onerous position with dignity to themselves and honour to their brethren. One old friend—Bro. Chris. Palliser—was absent on the present occasion, but instead of the father, they had the son, who had taken up a position which showed that he was of Masonic birth, and worthy of his parentage. He trusted that their newly-elected Master might prove a noble warrior, and be prepared on all occasions to invite all visitors to try the temper of his steel. Masonry had noble claims upon all of them, and had of late years made great strides. He had studied it, and had never found in it anything which caused him to regret having entered its ranks; but, on the contrary, had gathered a deal of grand information from its study. It was based upon so good and noble a system that if a man lived up to it he need desire nothing more. In submitting the toast of Bro. Nettleton's health he might say that it was his privilege and pleasure last year to be present when he was installed in the chair, and he then kept silent on account of his health; but he was glad to say that the impressions he then formed had been realised, and that Bro. Nettleton had upheld the dignity and the requirements of the important office, and, in addition, had left a good name behind him.

Song—Bro. Tweedy—"The outpost."

Bro. Nettleton thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said he had been amply repaid in knowing that the brethren were satisfied with the way in which he had discharged the duties of Worshipful Master during the past year.

Bro. Waistell, P.M., submitted "The Visitors," to which Bro. Z. Wright appropriately replied.

The W. Master gave "The Officers of the Anchor Lodge."  
Bro. Tweedy replied in a neat speech, after which the toast of "All Poor and Distressed Masons" was drunk, which ended a pleasant and harmonious meeting.

**MIDDLESBOROUGH.**—*Ferrum Lodge* (No. 1848).—On Wednesday, the 12th inst., the annual festival and installation in connection with this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. John Vernon Cooper was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance, no less than thirty-one Past Masters attending to assist at the installation, which was performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Dep. Prov. G.M. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. Amongst the visitors were Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; A. C. Knowles, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Durham; Charles H. Downey, P.P.G.R. Norfolk; T. R. Dent, P.M. 1244; G. Burdett, S.W. 1244; I. Fiddler, P.M. 602; J. Lambert, W.M. 111; Robert Wilkinson, W.M. 602; Ewbank R. Harrison, 1379; W. Ingham, W.M. 1244; H. Thompson, P.M. 602; John Westgarth Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., 123; James March, W.M. 123; J. Wetherell, W.M. 531; Charles S. Lane, P.M. 764; William Mayson, P.M. 764; W. T. Harrison, P.M.; T. Varty, P.M.; W. Bramley, J.D.; Rodham, 561; John Goundry, J.W. 1618; Richard Clarkson, W.M. elect; George Page, jun., Sec.; M. G. Collingwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Brown, W.M. 1611; W. B. Dyson, S.W. 1611; W. Holloway, S.W.; J. W. H. Gauntlett, R. Scotson, J. Hanson, R. Gent, W. J. Bruce, J. Gilchrist, A. Banks, W. Thompson, G. W. Pattinson, and E. W. Wood, all of 602; and others. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. W. S. Cowper, W.M.; F. E. Streeton, I.P.M.; J. T. Belk, P.M., P.P.G.W.; S. Walker, Prov. J.G.W.; J. V. Cooper, S.W.; J. W. Dales, Chap.; W. H. Cowper, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; J. Winterschladen, Sec.; G. Longbotham, S.D.; T. H. Ward, J.D.; W. J. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; J. F. Stewart, Org.; J. Glen, I.G.; J. A. Malcolmson, P.M.; W. J. Williams, P.M.; M. W. Proudlock, Stwd.; A. Farmer, P.M.; F. Brewster, W. Petchell, P.M.; J. A. Manners, and R. Davison, P.M., P.P.G.O.

The ceremony of installation was splendidly performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, who was assisted by Bro. W. H. Cowper, Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M., officiating as D.C. At the conclusion of the installation, Bro. Cooper invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. S. Cowper, I.P.M.; H. Cochrane, S.W.; G. Longbotham, J.W.; T. Ward, S.D.; J. Winterschladen, J.D.; W. P. Cochrane, I.G.; J. Glen, Sec.; J. F. Stewart, Org.; Proudlock and F. Brewster, Stwds.; W. J. Watson, D.C.; and J. Ingram, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Streeton, in the absence of Bro. Belk, presented Bro. W. S. Cowper with a P.M.'s jewel.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at Bro. R. A. Carter's, Corporation Hotel, the newly-installed Master, Bro. J. V. Cooper, presiding. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**LEEDS.**—*Prudence Lodge* (No. 2069).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 8th inst., in the Leeds Masonic Hall, Great George-street. The W.M., Bro. Charles Letch Mason, P.M. and P.P.G. Treasurer, was supported by Bros. Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W.; W. Watson, P.M., J.W.; C. Middleton, Secretary; R. Abbott, Treasurer; S. Scott Young, S.D.; J. J. Fretwell, J.D.; M. W. Jameson, I.G.; Howarth, Org.; J. Atkinson and Walter Storey, Dirs. of Cers.; Butterworth and Milling, Stwds.; and S. Barraud, Tyler.

Following the laudable custom initiated by him, the W.M. had sent out official invitations to the W.M., Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of his mother lodge (No. 304), and there was a satisfactory response, the invitations having been accepted by the W.M., Bro. T. Myers; the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Brownfoot; Bros. José Rickards, J.W.; W. H. Hewson, Secretary; Cockerline, S.D.; and the following Past Masters: Bros. R. Craig, P.P.G.D., W. F. Tomlinson, and Hill. Among the general body of visitors, of whom there was a good muster, were Bros. H. France, P.P.G.D.C., 1019; A. Hess, 1019; Charles Normanton, E. Barber (Love and Honour); J. W. Bailey, and others.

Bro. the Rev. John Henry Evans was balloted for as a joining member, and accepted. Messrs. Charles Cryer and Edward Bentley were balloted for, and being approved were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremonies being worked in that efficient and impressive manner for which the lodge is celebrated. The Prov. Grand Chaplain next gave his admirable exposition of the tracing board in this Degree.

Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W., then delivered his instructive and admirable lecture upon the two great pillars of the Temple. He said that some agreed with Josephus that they were placed outside or at the entrance, whilst others placed them inside the porch on each side of the gate. Whatever their exact situation, these pillars stood on the right and left, and were admired as well for their marvellous beauty of workmanship as for their symbolical meaning. They were cast in brass B.C. 1005, in the clayey ground between Succoth and Zeredatha, by Hiram, of Tyre, who was filled with wisdom and understanding and cunning to work all works in brass. The height of each pillar was 18 cubits, or 27 feet, and their circumference 12 cubits or 18 feet. Including the chapter, which was 7½ feet, the total height was 33 feet 9 inches, but as the porch was 240 feet in height their loftiness need not surprise us. On each pillar was set a chapter, the precise form of which has caused much discussion, some describing it as a crown, some as two crowns joined together, others as a globe or spherical body. The probable shape of the chapter was an oval. Besides, the pillars being very beautiful ornaments to the Temple, they were most probably erected by King Solomon, as memorials to the Israelites of God's protecting providence. Such memorial pillars have existed not only from the earliest times, as seen in the Egyptian obelisks, but we read of Jacob commemorating by a pillar at Bethel his vision of the angelic host ascending and descending from earth to Heaven on a ladder, then another at Galeed in memory of his alliance with Laban. Joshua, Samuel, Absalom, and others erected memorial pillars; so no doubt in these two pillars King Solomon desired to perpetuate in the

minds of the children of Israel God's providence over them in the wilderness, and to remind them as they daily passed into the Temple of his abundant and repeated promises of support. The support of the Temple virtually depended, it would appear, on these two magnificent columns, and as their erection was typical of the wealth and splendour of King Solomon, so their destruction was typical of the ruin and annihilation of the Jewish nation. Typically to us those pillars had great and important lessons of morality, of loyalty, and of Charity. No Freemason could be an infidel, or a blasphemer, or a slanderer, if he lived up to his great privileges and obligations. As the Temple was divided into three parts—the porch, the sanctuary, and the Holy of Holies—so Freemasonry is divided into three Degree; and, as with the Temple, each step brought the worshipper nearer the Holy of Holies, so with the Temple of Freemasonry we were led step by step nearer the object of our researches, and we were reminded of the impartial justice of the Most High, who had defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, and that He would hereafter reward or punish, as we had obeyed or disregarded His divine commands. Pray we, brethren, that we may each so live that when we shall be summoned hence, we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and rules for evermore.

A cordial vote of thanks was enthusiastically passed to the S.W. for his paper, the visiting brethren being especially hearty in their expression of thanks.

Bro. Watson, P.M., J.W., moved—"That 10 guineas be voted out of the lodge funds towards endowing the W.M.'s chair of the Old Men's and Women's Benevolent Fund." He said at the present moment there were something like 130 old men and women waiting to get on that Fund, there being only two or three vacancies. They could hardly picture to themselves the distress and suffering which that meant. In many cases, unless the Craft subscribed liberally, a number of those poor people would be thrown upon the parish. It was a most deplorable state of things, and he felt sure the brethren of that lodge would do their share towards finding a remedy. As the Festival came on in February, he had somewhat hurried his motion, but its extreme urgency must be his excuse.

Bro. Trevor, S.W., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Trevor, S.W., gave notice of a resolution appropriating three guineas from the funds of the lodge towards the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund. That noble and deserving Charity was urgently in need of funds, and whilst they did what they could for the great London Charities, they must not forget their duty nearer home.

Bro. Myers, W.M. Philanthropic Lodge, expressed his sincere acknowledgments to Bro. C. L. Mason for the invitation he had sent to Philanthropic Lodge. He was sure that he and all the members of his lodge who had accepted that invitation had enjoyed a great treat in listening to the lecture of Bro. Trevor, and seeing the manner in which the business of Lodge Prudence was carried out. It must be a great encouragement to brethren when they had the opportunity of listening to such lectures, and he wished the example were followed by other lodges.

Bro. Tomlinson, P.M. 304, also thanked the W.M. for his invitation, and said that he had initiated in that direction a practice which commended itself to all, and one which he trusted the other Leeds lodges would follow.

Bro. R. Abbott, Treas., having announced that his son was a candidate for initiation in that lodge, "Hearty good wishes" were reciprocated, and the proceedings closed. An adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where an ample and seasonable repast was partaken of by a large company.

Under the direction of Bro. Howarth, an effective programme of music, songs, and recitations was gone through, and alike to members and visitors the evening was a most happy one.

**HEATON MOOR.**—*Prince Edward Lodge* (No. 2109).—The first annual meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge rooms, Assembly Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst., the ceremony of installation being performed by the retiring Master, Bro. T. A. Hopewell, P.M., P.D.G. D.C. Bombay, supported by a Board of Installed Masters, consisting of Bros. J. G. Bromley, P.M.; W. Cole, P.M.; E. Pike, P.M.; W. H. Hughes, P.M.; G. Hunt, P.M.; J. L. Laidlaw, P.M.; P. Fulton, P.M.; Cook, P.M.; C. D. Cheetham, jun., P.M.; D. Murray, P.M.; J. Stovold, W.M. 993; A. A. Moss, W.M. 1375; Thomason, W.M. 1993; and others. The officers invested were Bros. Wm. Webster, W.M.; E. Barton, S.W.; J. H. Wells, J.W.; Rev. R. W. Buckley, D.D., Chap.; S. J. Thomson, Treas.; W. Cole, P.M., Sec.; E. Pike, P.M., D.C.; E. Broadbent, S.D.; J. W. Berra, J.D.; J. G. Litton, I.G.; T. T. Shann, A. W. Reynolds, G. Seager, and J. Hurst, Stewards; and J. Birchall, Tyler. The Treasurer's report showed the position of the lodge to be sound and satisfactory. Only formed 12 months since, very considerable expense had been gone to in furniture, jewels, &c., but there was not an outside account standing against the lodge.

At the banquet which followed about a hundred ladies and brethren sat down. The usual Masonic toasts were given, without the honours.

The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," remarked that he had not been quite three years in the Craft, and that it was seldom a brother reached the chair in so short a time; but that it was also seldom that a brother possessed the skill and ability to qualify himself, as Bro. Webster most certainly had done, in so short a period.

A handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, London), surmounted by the Prince Edward coat-of-arms, was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Hopewell, who, in thanking the brethren, said he was proud to have it by the side of the one sent to him from his mother lodge—Emulation, 1100, Bombay.

The small hall, which had been furnished as a drawing-room, was used for singing, recitations, &c., the large hall being reserved for dancing. The following musical brethren contributed valuable assistance: Bros. Professor Greenwood, W. Coffey, Sparks, Cole, and Lewtas. The gathering broke up shortly before one o'clock, and all agreed that the presence of ladies had contributed much to its success, and had proved a most pleasing and agreeable innovation.

The lodge is conducted on temperance principles.

INSTRUCTION.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE** (No. 507).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 14th instant. Present: Bro. Wiltshire, W.M. of the mother lodge, in the chair; also Bros. Davis, S.W.; Bowman, J.W.; Chapman, S.D.; Axford, W.M. 2048, J.D.; Lewis, I.G.; Bate, Preceptor; Andrews, Asst. Preceptor; Newlands, Binks, A. Bowman, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being announced (in accordance with the by-laws), Bro. A. Bowman offered himself as candidate, and, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony proceeded with. Bro. Andrews gave the moral teaching of the working tools. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Newlands acting as candidate. Bro. Bate gave the charge. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected and found correct. Bro. A. Bowman was then proposed, seconded, and elected a joining member of this improving old-established lodge of instruction, held in the home of Masonry for South London, and in a temple specially reserved for, and appropriate to, our grand Masonic ritual. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Davis, S.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, and from his well-known careful working, will give a pleasant and instructive evening to such members and friends as can spare a couple of hours for the purpose. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

Masons in the neighbourhood wishing to perfect themselves in our truly beautiful ritual cannot do better than join the above lodge of instruction, as the by-laws are strictly carried out, and portions of the lectures, as well as the ceremonies, taken each week.

**PANMURE LODGE** (No. 720).—A meeting was held at the Balham Hotel on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when Bro. T. Poore, P.M., P.Z. 720, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. G. Treves, P.M. 720, S.W.; A. Leonard, J.W.; and W. S. Dunkley, P.M. 1777, Sec. The five Sections of the Second Lecture were worked as follows: 1st—Bro. H. F. Williams; 2nd—Bro. W. S. Dunkley; 3rd—Bro. Dr. Lewis Jones; 4th—Bro. W. W. Williams; and 5th—Bro. G. Treves. There were also present Bros. P. T. Breary, P.M. 26, P.G.S.; G. Allen, P.M. 720; T. R. Chomley, 141; A. C. Wood, 720; Allan Campbell, 720; S. W. Bowen, 1852; Geo. Gooch, 720; J. Culpin, 749; G. Lilley, P.M. 1632; and G. Britton, 901. Bro. J. Bowyer, 1586, was a visitor.

Lodge being closed, the brethren retired for refreshment, and a very pleasant evening was spent, during which Bro. T. Poore, the esteemed Preceptor, contributed several fine recitations; Bro. Allan Campbell and Mr. Ferdinand L. Dunkley (son of the Secretary), respectively, some high-class violin and piano music; and several of the brethren added some capital singing.

On separating, all declared that a most instructive and enjoyable evening had been passed.

**WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE** (No. 766).—The usual weekly meeting was held at St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-street, W., on Friday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. Grassi, W.M. elect 1559, W.M.; F. W. Spurgin, S.W.; C. Wetzlar, J.W.; G. Coop, Preceptor and Treas.; F. Smith, Sec.; R. E. Curzons, S.D.; J. Scheu, J.D.; Langley, I.G.; C. Dairy, Dusterwald, C. Bellerby, W. Woodruff, Blumenstein, Klein, Von Joel, Prendergast, Artand, Halliday, Fromholz, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Curzons being candidate. The chair being vacated in favour of Bro. Dusterwald, the ceremony of the Third Degree was most ably rehearsed, Bro. Dairy being candidate. Bro. Spurgin, J.W. 1305, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and having returned thanks, appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and also tendered to Bro. Grassi for so ably presiding over the lodge of instruction for the first time. Bro. Coop announced that two, if not three, ballots would be drawn at the next meeting in connection with the second Benevolent Association. The first Association is nearly completed, and has been the means of upwards of 250 guineas being collected, and thereby increasing the funds of the Masonic Institutions. It is fully expected the second Association will be equally successful, twenty-five members having already joined. Bro. Coop also informed the brethren that he had been invited to rehearse the ceremony of installation in the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction on Monday, the 7th Feb., when would also be presented the Auditors' report for the past year, and officers elected for the year ensuing. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. R. P. J. Laundry, W.M.; J. Crutenden, S.W.; W. Thomas, J.W.; H. Dehane, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; J. R. Altman, J.D.; J. H. Wood, I.G.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; J. Smith, E. F. Ferris, O. W. Battley, E. J. Day, and Jos. Bailey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Ferris and Battley candidates respectively. A communication was read from Bro. Mulvey. Bro. Crutenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Brethren belonging to this lodge of instruction are requested to attend on the 24th inst., when important business will be brought forward for discussion. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**CHAUCER LODGE** (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. W. W. Block, W.M.; Steng, S.W.; Austin, J.W.; Renaut, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Arrowsmith, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Fullock, H. G. Douglass, Roots, Bellchamber, G. A. Ball, Wright, Osmond, and Jacobs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Jacobs, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Jacobs candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Bellchamber, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bellchamber candidate. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE** (No. 1585).—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, on Monday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. Martin, W.M.; Sapsworth, S.W.; Langley, J.W.; Grundy, Sec.; Gompertz, S.D.; Custance, J.D.; Taylor, P.M., Preceptor; and Harling, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the Secretary being candidate. Bro. Sapsworth, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After some discussion as to the anniversary supper, the brethren present resolved themselves into a Committee to make arrangements, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the host, Bro. Webb, on the subject. Each brother present promised to ventilate the matter as much as possible, so as to ensure a larger meeting next Monday. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; J. B. Grieve, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; W. Hancock, J.D.; F. W. Cash, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. D. Graham, W. Brindley, C. A. Itter, James Woodward, C. Corby, C. Fox, J. Mitchell, R. W. Williams, L. Gunzell, T. R. Beaufort, C. Lambert, F. M. Noakes, E. Nice, T. A. Dickson, W. Richards, A. Clark, and James Rowe.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. C. Corby worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge called off and on. Bro. C. Corby having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that Bro. J. B. Grieve, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. C. Lambert, in accordance with Rule 11, proposed that Bros. F. Kedge, T. A. Dickson, and A. Clark be appointed Auditors to audit the accounts of this lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. W. Williams, and carried unanimously; the Auditors' report to be read at the meeting to be held on the 27th instant. Bros. W. Richards and F. M. Noakes having been voted Tellers, ballots then took place for two Subscriberships to one of the Masonic Institutions, which were unanimously declared to be in favour of Bros. E. J. D. Bromley and J. Watts. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Glover, W.M.; Brindley, P.M., S.W.; Green, jun., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Gibson, P.M., Treas. and S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Grist, I.G.; Green, P.M.; Ray, Taylor, Abbott, Mason, F. Purnell, Hill, Wombell, Edwards, Harvey, and J. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ray, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ray being the candidate. Bro. Abbott, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Abbott being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Brindley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Craggs, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; Lindfield, J.W.; Austin, Treas.; Chalfond, P.M., Sec.; Cross, S.D.; Altman, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Speigel, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Game, P.M.; Cantell, P.M.; Jose, P.M.; Cavers, Rogers, Hardy, Cockrell, Breitbart, Colwill, Head, Bonham, Whittle, and Gilbert.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hardy offering himself as candidate, answered the usual questions. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rogers, W.M. 1791, for the purpose of rehearsing the ceremony of installation. Bro. Austin was presented as W.M. elect and invested his officers. He then vacated the chair, which Bro. Craggs occupied. After rising for the first time, the dues were collected. After rising for the second time, Bro. P. J. Davies was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

A ballot took place—for the second time since five weeks—for the Life Membership of one of the Charities, which was in favour of Bro. Altman.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; E. Aslett, J.W.; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas., acting as Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; W. W. Williams, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; Hopkins, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; D. Stroud, J. Wood, W.M. 1642; and Walden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. W. Williams offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined, and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. W. W. Williams candidate. Bro. D. Stroud offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined, and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stroud being the candidate, the W.M. rendering the traditional history in a perfect manner. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Coat was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

Announcement was made of the annual ball of the brethren of the mother lodge, to be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew, on Friday, the 28th inst. Tickets of Bro. F. W. Walden, 36, Eyot Gardens, Chiswick.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—A meeting was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. Gibbs, W.M.; Wright, S.W.; Steele, J.W.; Kerry, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Folkard, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Partridge, Collick, Walker, Glover, Esling, Perkins, Hethrington, Burnett, Woods, Spencer, Coe, Wildbore, and Shannaw.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gibbs then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Johnson in order to work the Third Degree ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wildbore being a candidate to be raised, answered the usual questions, and retired. Bro. Burnett took his place, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Burnett being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and closed down to the First. Bro. Andrews then worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren, and Bro. Walker worked the 2nd Section, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. Collick was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Wright, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Johnson, Preceptor, proposed, and Bro. Spencer seconded, that the annual supper be held on the fourth Friday in February; carried unanimously. Bro. Esling proposed, and Bro. Walker seconded, that tickets for themselves and friends be presented to the Preceptor and Treasurer as a slight mark of appreciation for their services to the lodge; carried unanimously. The Committee for the revision of the by-laws arranged to meet at 6.30 on the 31st inst., and the Secretary was instructed to send a reminder. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A new patriotic song—"The Naval Brigade," composed by Bro. Harry Hawkins, Org. 613 and 1313, and sung by Signor Foli, Bros. Eaton Batty, Curtis D'Alton, and G. H. Snazelle with great success. The words are of a patriotic and popular character, and Bro. Hawkins has set them to a refrain at once martial, bold, and musical; the compass being from B. natural to upper E., a compass easily within the range of a baritone singer. Published by Reid Bros., 436, Oxford-street, London.

## Royal Arch.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).**—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst. There were present Comps. Herbert Cuff, M.E.Z.; William Medwin, H.; W. F. Darnell, J.; Charles Arkell, P.Z., Scribe E.; John Taylor, Scribe N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer; T. S. Holland, 1st A.S.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; Henry Birdseye, P.Z.; Francis Orchard, A. W. Price, Dr. W. A. Dingle, Alfred Cotton, and William Hawes. Visitors: Comps. James B. Reid, 22; Simeon Jacobs, P.Z. 1348.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Comp. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., then proceeded to install the three Principals for the ensuing year, a ceremony which is always so ably performed by Comp. Copestick, with the valuable assistance of Comp. Henry Birdseye, P.Z. Comp. Medwin invested his officers as follows: Comps. Herbert Cuff, I.P.Z.; W. F. Darnell, H.; John Taylor, J.; Charles Arkell, P.Z., Scribe E.; Henry Hughes, Scribe N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer; T. S. Holland, P.S.; W. R. Dixon, 1st Asst. Soj.; Francis Orchard, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Marsh, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. then presented Comp. Herbert Cuff with a gold jewel, unanimously voted by the chapter in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Lion and Lamb Chapter during the past year. The death of three important members were notified to the chapter—Comps. T. C. Chapman, P.Z.; E. F. Storr, P.Z.; and T. Burdett Yeoman, one of the founders. It was proposed by the Treasurer, and carried unanimously, that letters of condolence should be sent to the friends of the deceased companions.

The companions afterwards dined together. The newly-installed M.E.Z., Comp. William Medwin, presided.

**GUERNSEY.—Loyalty Chapter (No. 213).**—A regular convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, on the 13th inst. Present: Comps. Bickard, P.Z., as Z.; A. C. Quick, H.; T. Pengelley, J.; P. Le Page, P.Z.; H. Strickland, P.Z.; Emma Holmes, P.Z., P.P.G. Soj. Cornwall; R. Smythson, S.E.; J. Sneath, S.N.; J. Parsons, Treas.; and a large number of companions.

The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed, and the following were duly elected, by ballot, for the ensuing year: Bros. A. C. Quick, Z.; T. Pengelley, H.; R. Smythson, J.; T. M. Bickard, S.E.; J. Sneath, S.N.; J. Parsons, Treas.; Palmer, Prin. Soj.; and Biddiscombe, Janitor. Comps. Quick and Pickering were appointed Auditors.

Comp. Le Huray, Z., presided at the banquet, and a very agreeable evening was spent by the companions, who are always "happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

**BATH.—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).**—A convocation of the above chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 11th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. Surgeon-Gen. T. Ringer, M.E.Z.; Rev. John A. Lloyd, H.; S. Loder, acting J.; B. H. Watts, Treas.; C. Becket, S.E.; J. Penly, S.N.; Rev. S. G. Fraser, Prin. Soj.; Rev. F. W. Macdonald, 1st Asst. Soj.; Rev. J. C. McConnell, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and H. Culliford Hopkins.

The minutes of previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. Herr Berndt was ably exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M. by the M.E.Z., after which the following officers were duly installed and invested:—Comps. Rev. John A. Lloyd, M.E.Z.; C. Davis, H.; J. Penly, J.; B. H. Watts, Treas.; C. Becket, S.E.; Rev. G. E. Gardiner, S.N.; Rev. S. G. J. Fraser, Prin. Soj.; Rev. F. M. Macdonald, 1st Asst. Soj.; Rev. J. C. McConnell, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and S. Bigwood, Janitor. The Treasurer's report was read and passed, after which the chapter was closed in due form.

**GLOUCESTER.—Royal Lebanon Chapter (No. 493).**—The annual festival of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 11th instant. The officers of the chapter present were the following, namely, Comps. J. A. Matthews, Prov. G. 1st A. Soj.; H. Jeffs, P. Prov. G.J., I.P.Z.; F. W. Fisher, P. Prov. G.S.B., P.Z., J.; S. Bland, S.E.; W. C. Ferris, S.N.; and W. Renwick, Treas.; and among those also present were Comps. Baron de Ferrieres, P.Z. 28, P.G.A. Soj.; W. Forth, P.Z. 82, Prov. G.S.N.; R. W. White, P.Z. 82 and 839, P. Prov. G.P.S.; J. Bryan, Z. 839, Prov. G. 2nd A. Soj.; C. L. Sweeting, P.Z. 92; W. R. Felton, J. 82; J. A. Matthews, Org. 82, Prov. G. Org.; J. S. Carleton, 82; E. T. Bryant, 82; J. H. Daniels, C. E. Quilter, W. C. Heane, H. J. Small, H. Blandford, T. Algar, T. Barnes, H. J. Jew, H. J. Ferris, S. Bloodworth, H. Winfield, R. Albany, Grieve, and others. The officers invested were Comps. S. Moss, Z.; F. W. Fisher, P.Z., H.; S. Bland, J.; C. E. Quilter, S.E.; R. J. Weston, S.N.; W. C. Heane, P. Soj.; W. C. Ferris and J. Barnes, A. Sojs.; and W. Renwick, Treas. The ceremony of installing the Principals was performed by Comps. Forth and W. R. White.

**MALTON.—King Edwin Chapter (No. 660).**—On Tuesday, the 11th inst., the annual installation meeting in connection with the above chapter took place at the Masonic Hall. The Installing Master was Comp. John Marshall, P.Z., P.P.G.S., and the officers inducted were as follows: Comps. W. Constable, I.P.Z.; R. J. Smithson, M.E.Z.; T. M. Goldie, P.G. Std. Br., H.; J. B. Nicholls, P.P.G. Std. Br., J.; A. W. Walker, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; R. G. Lucas, Scribe E.; M. Williamson, Scribe N.; J. Buckle, Principal Sojourner; S. Tinsley and R. Bradley, Assist. Sojourners; W. R. Metcalf, D.C.; W. J. Marshall, Org.; C. R. Staniland, S.B.; and W. Stockdale, Janitor.

Bro. William Alpheus Higgs, at the earnest solicitation of a large number of Liverymen, has consented to become a candidate for the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when the following companions were elected as Principals, namely: Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P.G.R. Dorset, Z.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, H.; and Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.G.J. Middlesex, J.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Donald Grant Macleod, P.Z. 542, P.D. G.P. Soj. Burmah, being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the ballot was taken, and proving unanimous, Comp. Macleod was elected a member, who, on thanking the companions, said this was the first chapter of instruction he had ever attended, and expressed his satisfaction and approval at the way the ceremony had been rehearsed, and that he should avail himself of the opportunity of attending regularly during his stay in England on leave from his judicial duties in Burmah. The M.E.Z. rose for the second, third, and fourth times, and Comp. Dehanc, S.E., announced that Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S., had promised to attend on the first Friday in February and give a lecture on R.A. Masonry, and was requested to invite any companions who might like to hear the lecture to attend on that evening. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed. There will be no visitors' fee.

## Mark Masonry.

**MALLET AND CHISEL LODGE (No. 5).**—This old lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 11th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Dr. Helsham, P.S.G.W. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; E. Hoare, P.G.O., P.M., acting S.W.; Holdgate, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c., P.M., acting M.O. (Hon. Member); Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G.O., &c., P.M., Sec.; Hale, acting I.G.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., P.M., &c. (Hon. Member) and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Holdgate, J.W. Bro. Farran was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The election of Tyler was postponed. The by-laws were then revised, the most important alteration being the place and date of meeting—"That in future the lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the first Monday in November, January, and April, instead of the fourth Monday in November, January, and March, as heretofore." A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the W.M., and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Secretary, for his services in connection with the removal of the lodge and the drafting of the new by-laws, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet.

A few toasts were subsequently given and loyally honoured.

**HALIFAX.—Fearnley Lodge (No. 58).**—The members of this lodge held a pleasant and successful meeting on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of installing and investing the officers for the ensuing year. Tea was partaken of by a numerous gathering of the brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Lee, P.J.G.D., and the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Ackroyd, was installed by Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M., Bro. J. Barker, P.M., also taking part in the ceremony. The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. J. G. Lee, I.P.M.; C. Greenwood, S.W.; J. J. Green, J.W.; W. D. Shoebridge, M.O.; Walter Hanson, S.O.; T. Woods, J.O.; J. Barker, P.M., Chap.; G. Normanton, P.M., Treas.; R. Hodgson, R. of M.; Morris, Sec.; Hallas, S.D.; Rhodes, J.D.; Pike, D.C.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M., Org.; Robertshaw, I.G.; Wilson and Makie, Stewards; and F. Hodgson, Tyler.

**BRIDGWATER.—Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropic Lodge (No. 191).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 17th inst., at the Royal Clarence Hotel, when Bro. J. Burdett, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. Col. W. Long, the installing ceremony being performed by Bro. R. C. Else, the V.W.F.G.M.M. There was a good muster of brethren, including some from Taunton, Highbury, Burnham, Weston-super-Mare, and Clevedon.

The W.M. appointed and installed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. A. Duckett, S.W.; E. Fry Wade, J.W.; J. T. Dunford, M.O.; G. B. Laffan, S.O.; G. W. Strawbridge, J.O.; Rev. C. P. Winter, Chap.; Evan R. Down, Treas.; T. Floyd Norris, R.M.; F. J. Saunders, Sec.; J. G. Vile, S.D.; B. C. Board, J.D.; Dr. H. M. Kemmis, D.C.; H. M. Marsh, Org.; W. H. Zamlyn, I.G.; W. Webber, Tyler.

## Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

**PREMIER CONCLAVE.**—A meeting of this prosperous and distinguished conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd inst. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights Mickley, M.P.S.; John Mason, V.E. Grand Chancellor, &c.; H. J. Lardner, acting I.G.; T. Cubitt, P.M.P.S., Grand I.G., Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, G.H., P.M.P.S.; T. C. Walls, G.E., P.M.P.S.; H. H. Shirley, P.M.P.S.; E. A. Harris, J. Harris, A. Proudfoot, N. Prower, M.A., W. W. Codd, Heard, W. Lake, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Several communications from absent members having been read, the conclave was closed according to ancient form, and the sir knights adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet awaited them. The usual routine of toasts followed, and they were duly and heartily received.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.**—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are, throughout the year, borne down by its protracted tortures. Let such sufferers bathe the affected part with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and, assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves. —[ADVT.]

India.

**ALLAHABAD.**—Unity Lodge (No. 1698, E.C.)—The brethren of this lodge held a gala day on Saturday evening, the 18th ult., the occasion being the annual installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. As this lodge is the strongest in Allahabad, the attendance of brethren of the mystic tie was a very large one, and the popular W.M. elect had no less than five P.M.'s to support him in the work of the evening. The installation ceremony was conducted through out by Bro. W. H. Edmunds, W.M. 1870 (E.C.), and a member of the lodge, in an impressive and able manner, and at its close the W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bro. J. Dow, I.P.M.; A. Dixon, S.W.; J. Staines, J.W.; Holmes, S.D.; O'Brien, J.D.; Prestonjee E. Sakloth, Sec.; R. Rhu-bottom, I.G.; and Curtis, Tyler. After the investiture, the usual addresses were delivered to the W.M. (Bro. H. M. Mehta), Wardens, and brethren. Two brethren having been admitted to the Degree of F.C., and no further work offering, the lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, and all adjourned to the banquet hall, where the brethren of the lodge had provided a sumptuous repast, and "the feast of reason and flow of soul" went merrily till midnight, when all separated, thoroughly well pleased with a most enjoyable evening.

**RAWALPINDI.**—Stewart Lodge (No. 1960, E.C.)—An emergent meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Rawalpindi, on Wednesday, the 8th of December. Lodge was opened at 6 p.m. The following brethren were present: Bro. Surgeon Major John Walker, D.A.G.D.C. Punjab, W.M.; Capt. V. Jenkins, S.W.; Capt. F. D. Fordyce, J.W.; Capt. G. P. Owen, I.P.M., Sec.; Capt. A. J. C. Wrench, S.D.; Major Cave, J.D.; Hedingham, I.G.; Pearce, Tyler; Capt. George Blade, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab (who officiated as Master of Ceremonies); Norris, Treas.; Ames, Edge, O'Donel, Lieut. Lennox, Lieut. Proctor, Capt. Moulin, Major Pike, Lieut. Iles, Graham, and Lieut. Moncin. The following visitors were also present: Bro. Col. Ommanney, R.A.; J. W. Gerrard, W. R. Smith, Dhaujibhoy F. Camadore, P.D.G.J.W. Punjab; J. Kelly, W.M. Lodge Mayo; Tuck, Force, Greaves, Fardajee, Gardner, Cooke, Clough, Crook, Donwalla, Potter, Carter, Henderson, Ricketts, Elliott, W. J. Smith, J. Smith, W. Gee, H. Browning, Dolby, J. Browning, May, Gooderham, Manly, Cante, Robinson, Fagan, and Crux.

The Worshipful Master announced to the brethren that Bro. Capt. Ames and Capt. Owen would receive H.R. Highness on arrival. An alarm was given and it was found that Right Wor. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, accompanied by his Esquerry, Bro. Col. A. W. Belcher, sought admission. His Royal Highness was then admitted and duly saluted with the honours due to his rank. Bro. Walker, W.M., then left the dias and offered the Hiram to R. W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who returned it, and at the request of the W.M. took his place on the dias.

The W.M. then addressed H.R.H. as follows: Right Worshipful Sir,—This meeting, convened under the banner of Lodge Stewart, thoroughly represents the Masons of Rawalpindi and Murree, a large proportion of those assembled here to-night to join in your Royal Highness's reception being members of the sister lodges, Mayo, Rising Star, and Light in the Himalayas. On behalf of them all, individually and collectively, I beg to tender your Royal Highness a sincere, a loyal, and with your Royal Highness's permission, I should like to add a fraternal welcome.

Bro. Capt. G. P. Owen, R.A., being called on by the W. Master, read the following address:

"To Right Worshipful Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., C.B., Past Grand Warden of England, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, &c., &c., &c.

"Right Worshipful Sir,—  
"We, the Master and Wardens of Lodge Stewart, No. 1960, E.C., on behalf of the Freemasons of Rawalpindi, desire, with the most profound respect, to offer your Royal Highness a truly Masonic welcome on the occasion of your Royal Highness's first visit to our lodge, and to express our deep regret at your rapidly approaching departure.

"Your Royal Highness's excellent position in Masonry, and the great interest taken in the welfare of the Craft by all the Royal Family, lead us to regard your Royal Highness's presence among us to-night as a bright omen for the progress of Freemasonry in North Western India, and we feel that, although your departure from Rawalpindi will be a most serious loss to the Masonic Institutions of the Punjab, you will have, in your new sphere, more ample opportunities of advancing the general interests of Masonry in the East.

"Hoping that the Great Architect of the Universe may grant your Royal Highness and your Illustrious Consort every blessing which earth and Heaven can afford.

(Signed)

"JOHN WALKER, W.M.,  
"VAUGHAN JENKINS, S.W.,  
"J. FORBES DINGWALL FORDYCE, J.W.,  
"GEORGE P. OWEN, I.P.M. & Sec.,

"Rawalpindi, 8th December, 1886."

His Royal Highness replied in a very eloquent manner, stating the pleasure he had experienced at the reception accorded him by the Freemasons of Rawalpindi, and intimating his intention of writing to inform H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the most Worshipful Grand Master of England, to that effect.

After the Duke's reply the lodge was closed, and all retired to the banqueting hall, where light refreshments were partaken of, and Bro. Dhaujibhoy F. Camadore, P.D.G.J.W. Punjab, was presented to H.R.H. by Bro. Col. Becher.

The meeting went off well, and was a great success in every way.

"Two of Dr. Locock's PULMONIC WAFERS at night gives a good night's refreshing sleep. All persons suffering with Asthma, &c., should never be without them." The above from Mr. N. Haley, 91, Southboro'-road, South Hackney, January 12, 1887. DR. LOCOCK'S WAFERS instantly relieve and rapidly cure Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, Shortness of Breath, Phlegm, Pains in the Chest, Rheumatism—and taste pleasantly. Sold at 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s. per box by all Druggists—[ADVT.]

SUGGESTED BY TUESDAY'S CONSECRATION.

WITH AN APOLOGY TO THE AUTHOR OF THE ORIGINAL SONG.

Tuesday I saw a glorious sight,  
Which stirred me to hilarity;  
A lodge of noble "Savages"  
Assembled to discuss humanity.

And right humanely-savage and savagely-humane they comported themselves to the close of the banquet, when the calumet of peace was smoked, and we may assume there was a general breakdown after the manner in vogue among "Savages," as veraciously delineated on the menu card.

The Craft Abroad.

Bro. Sir Robert Fowler, M.P., P.G.W., has been on a tour through the Australian colonies. During his stay in Melbourne he was entertained by the Mayor of the Victorian capital at a banquet, in the Town Hall. Sir Robert was also elected an honorary member of the Melbourne Masonic Club.

Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., R.W. District and Prov. Grand Master of the English, Irish, and Scotch Freemasons of Victoria, with Lady Clarke and family, have returned to Melbourne, after a year's sojourn in the old country. It is the intention of the Melbourne Craft to honour our distinguished brother with a ball in the new Freemasons' Hall, of which company Sir William is chairman.

Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., Governor of New South Wales, and Lady Carrington were the guests of Bro. Sir H. B. Lock, Governor of Victoria, and Lady Lock, on their visit to Melbourne during the Victoria Racing Club fortnight. Lord Carrington was entertained at luncheon by the members of the Melbourne Masonic Club. Originally, however, it was intended to have given a Masonic ball in honour of the distinguished visitors, but their engagements would not admit of the arrangements being carried out at that time.

Bro. William Beach, the champion oarsman of the world, who is a member of Lodge Tarbolton, No. 377, Sydney (S.C.), has been the recipient of warm receptions at Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney, on returning from his victorious English tour. Testimonials (purses of gold, jewellery, and the like), as well as entertainments by the Mayors of the three cities, were literally showered on the great sculler; and at Sydney Bro. Lord Carrington took a very active part in the reception. At Melbourne Bro. Beach was "put up" at the Masonic Club.



Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, and P.G.D., was present at the meeting of the La France Lodge, No. 2060, on the 17th inst., and gave the charge in the French language, to the great satisfaction of the French brethren and of the four initiates.

Bro. Deputy T. Beard entertained a party of friends at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday last. There were present Bro. William Alpheus Higgs, Deputy George Sims, Albert J. Altman, Major Josephs, George Foster, Henry Squires, Deputy J. E. Walford, George Kenning, T. Beard, jun., Mathew R. Webb, and others.

The funeral of the late Bro. Thomas Burdett Yeoman took place at Abney Park Cemetery on Monday, the 10th inst., and was attended by many of the deceased's family and friends. Bro. Yeoman was greatly respected by his brother Masons, and was the author of two or three Masonic songs, which were deservedly popular.

The brethren of the Franklin lodge, No. 838, Boston, held at the Peacock and Royal Hotel, recently commemorated the Festival of St. John, when Bro. Robert Hayes was installed as W.M. The various new officers for the ensuing year were invested, and the other routine business having also been transacted, a large party sat down to a sumptuous banquet, the serving up of which reflected much credit on the taste and spirit displayed by Bro. Clemow. The after proceedings, under the able chairmanship of the W.M., were of a very pleasant character.

A Masonic Jubilee Ball, under the patronage of Bro. James Terry, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary R.M.B.I., of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, and the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 24th February. Masonic Craft clothing to be worn. Bro. Thos. Bidgood's Quadrille Band has been secured for the occasion. The proceeds, after payment of all expenses, will be handed over to the Masonic Charities. Full particulars to be had of Bro. G. Hughes, Hon. Secretary, 12, Argyle-road, Leytonstone-road, E.

The value of hand grenades as fire-extinguishers, and the great advantage of having them on the premises, was shown at the fire which occurred on Sunday last at Wrottesley, the seat of Lord Wrottesley. His lordship and Lady Wrottesley and family, and the household were in bed at the time of the outbreak, but fortunately the house-keeper was awakened by the noise, and on going downstairs she discovered the kitchen in flames, she immediately raised an alarm, and Lord Wrottesley and the servants, with hand grenades, succeeded in putting out the fire.

The seventeenth annual issue of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1887, published by Mr. George Kenning, of the Freemason, contains a very comprehensive list of the various Masonic bodies throughout the kingdom, and lists of the principal Grand Lodges of foreign countries. There has been an increase of 53 to the number of Craft lodges under the Grand Lodge of England during the year. The latest number for 1887 is 2182. The name, time, and place of meeting of all the lodges, and the names of the Grand and the principal Provincial Grand Officers are given in the Calendar—Newcastle Journal.

At the annual meeting of the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Salisbury, on Thursday, the 13th inst., Bro. Richard Dear was installed W.M. for the year, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers.

The St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, Lichfield, held their annual ball at the George Hotel, Lichfield, on the 14th inst., the attendance in spite of the weather, being numerous. The fête passed off most satisfactorily.

Bro. J. V. Cooper was installed W.M. of the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848, Middlesborough, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks.

Bro. P. Sharp is the present W.M. of the Earl of Shrewsbury Lodge, No. 1520, Cannock, having been installed in office by Bro. John L. Gibbons, P.M., P.P.G. S.B., at the annual meeting on Wednesday, the 12th inst.

The brethren of Lodges, Nos. 87 and 114, Bushmills, Ireland, gave their annual ball on the 14th inst., the attendance being very numerous, and dancing being kept up with great enthusiasm till an early hour the next morning.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, and D.P.G.M. Somersetshire, installed Bro. G. F. Price Pizey as W.M. of the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, Clevedon. Several visitors attended, and the banquet was numerously attended.

The annual Ball of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, of which Bro. Richard Harvey is the W.M., will take place at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday next, the 21st instant. Full particulars to be had of Bro. F. Waldon, Hon. Sec.

At the installation meeting, on the 10th inst., of the Shirley Lodge, No. 1112, Shirley, Hants, after Bro. C. G. Beaumont had been inducted into the chair as W. Master for the ensuing year, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. H. Alden, the retiring W. Master in recognition of his services in the chair during the past year.

Bro. F. Kelland was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., the ceremony being performed in an able and impressive manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Foley. The new W.M. subsequently presided at the banquet at the George Hotel, a very pleasant evening being spent.

The True and Faithful Lodge, No. 318, Helston, held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. C. Hudson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and afterwards invested his officers. The banquet took place at the Angel Hotel and was followed by some capital speeches and songs.

Bro. R. Clarkson was installed W.M. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 561, Guisborough, on Thursday, the 13th inst., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. A. C. Knowles, P.P.S.G.D. North and East Yorkshire. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M., was among the visitors.

The Prov. G. Lodge of Roxburgh and Selkirk Shires held their annual meeting at Galashiels on the 12th inst., under the auspices of Lodge St. John, No. 262, of that town. R.W. Bro. Dr. James Middleton, P.G.M., presided, and there was a large attendance. The brethren afterwards took refreshments at the Abbotsford Arms Hotel, the Prov. G. Master being in the chair.

The brethren of the Unanimity and Sincerity No. 261, Taunton, gave two balls last week, the one on Monday being of the ordinary character, while that of Wednesday was a juvenile fancy dress ball. Both were well attended, and thanks to the admirable arrangements of the brethren who formed the Ball Committee, the guests present on both occasions enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The 38th annual festival and ball, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute was held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 11th instant. Between 600 and 700 guests were present, the number being in excess of every previous occasion, with the exception of that at which the presentation was made to the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire. The ball was also a great success in all other respects, and we trust will prove beneficial to the Institute.

The installation meeting of the Probity Lodge, No. 61, Halifax, on the 3rd inst., was a great success. There was a large gathering of members, and among the visitors was R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire. The new W.M. is Bro. Cecil Conor, Major in the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, and Adjutant of the 1st Battalion. The retiring W.M., Bro. Balme, was presented with a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, London) in token of his services in the chair. The singing of the Halifax Harmonic Quartette Party greatly enhanced the pleasure of the after-dinner proceedings.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to grant a warrant for a new Masonic lodge to be called the "Anglo-American." The lodge is formed with a view of affording facilities for Americans resident in England meeting their brethren of the English Grand Lodge under the Constitutions of the latter body. Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., who is well known on both sides of the Atlantic, is to be the first Master, Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., acting past master, and Bro. A. Clarke and F. Kedge the first Senior and Junior Wardens respectively; Bro. G. Reynolds being the Secretary pro tem.

The Constance Lodge, No. 2135, Consett, gave their first ball in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday the 12th inst. There was a large attendance of members and brethren from other lodges in Durham and Newcastle, and the ladies being equally numerous. Everything passed off most enjoyably, the scene being additionally brilliant through the brethren appearing—by dispensation from Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M.—in their Masonic clothing and regalia. The refreshments were supplied by Bro. George Brown, of the Railway Hotel, and the music by Messrs. Parker and Hardcastle, Consett, Mr. Charlton, of Benfieldside Nurseries, being responsible for the beautiful floral decorations. Great praise is also due to the Stewards who officiated as M.C.'s, namely, Bro. J. Noble, T. D. Dryden, J. Hardy, P. Surtees, and George Christopher.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, January 29, 1887.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 1679, Henry Mugeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 Red Cross 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.  
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
 Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.  
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.  
 " 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1678, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
 " 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Goldolphin-rd., Shepherd's Bush.

Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 4, Prince of Wales, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
 Red Cross 2, Plantaganet, 68, Regent-st., W.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.  
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.  
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
 Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W., 7.30.  
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
 Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 8.  
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
 St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.  
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.  
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

#### TUESDAY JANUARY 25.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall  
 " 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

" 1348, Ebury, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 Chap. 21, Cy. us, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 1365, Clapton, 191, St. Bishopgate-st., E.C.  
 A.M.D. 16, Stewart, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.  
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 6.30.  
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.

Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.  
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall  
 " 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.  
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
 " 1017, Montefiore, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hot., Victoria-st.  
 " 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 " 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 Mark 176, Era, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
 Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.  
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.  
 Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
 Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.  
 Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.  
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.  
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.  
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.

General Committee Girls' School at 4 o'clock.  
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon Street Hotel.  
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
 " 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hot., Ilford.  
 " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey, M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.  
 " 1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington.  
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting-hill.  
 Rose Croix 97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.  
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.

Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.  
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.  
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.  
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.  
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.  
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
 West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
 Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.  
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 509, Fitz-Roy, Headquarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City Road.  
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Islington K. T., 26, Faith and Fidelity, &c., Cannon-street Hot.

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Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.  
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.  
 Ubique, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.  
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.  
 Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.

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